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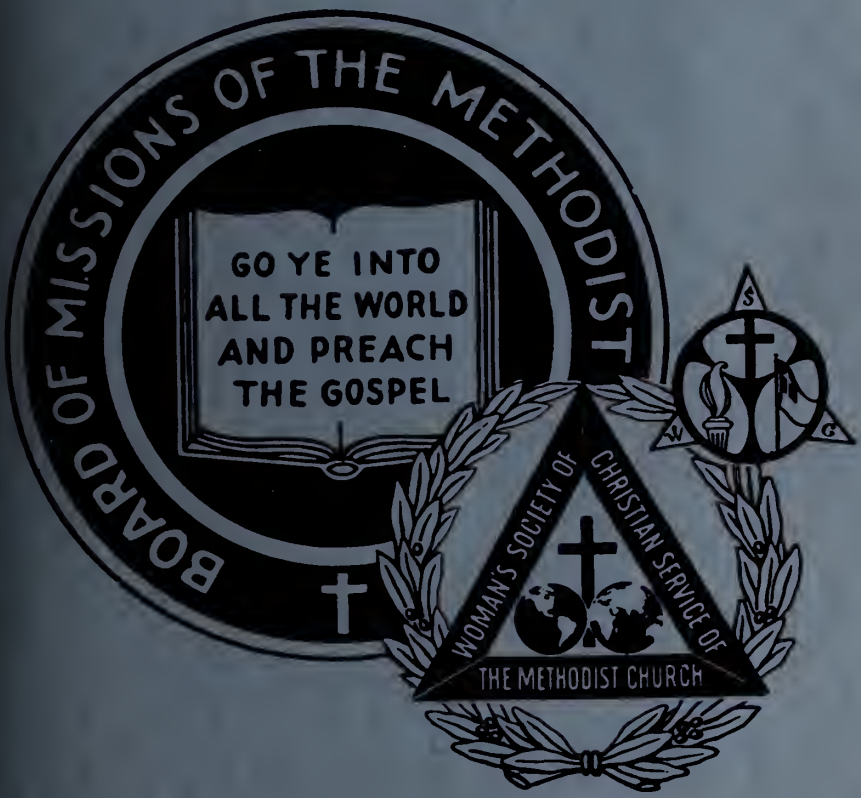

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE — THE METHODIST CHURCH

1962 - 1963

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1963-1964

First Period **June 1, 1963, to November 15, 1963**

June 21-23_____Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah

June 24-29_____Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah

July 1-12_____Mission Tour for Youth and Students

July 12-14_____Guild Weekend, Camp Brewer

July 15_____Secretary of Student Work send Blue Cards to Directors of Wesley Foundations

August 5-9_____Conference School of Missions, Centenary College

September_____Missionary Education Seminars in Districts and Workshops for Workers with Children and Youth

September 28-29____Guild Coaching Conference and Mid-Year Executive Meeting, Camp Brewer

October 24_____United Nations Day

October 25-31_____Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

November 5-7_____Mid-Year Conference Executive Committee Meeting, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

Second Period **November 15, 1963, to June 1, 1964**

November 15_____Reports of local officers (except treasurers) and secretaries of lines of work due to be sent to the repective district officers

December 10_____Human Rights Day

February_____Election of officers for both Woman's Society and Guild and of Committee on Nominations

February 14_____World Day of Prayer

February 18-20_____South Central Jurisdiction Meeting, First Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas

March 1_____Send list of new officers and secretaries of lines of work to the district secretary of promotion

March 10_____Spring Executive Committee Meeting, First Methodist Church, Lafayette

March 11-13_____Annual Meeting of Woman's Society of Christian Service, Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette

March 14-15_____Annual Meeting Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Lafayette

March 29_____Easter Sunday

April 14-24_____Annual District Meetings, Woman's Society of Christian Service

May 15_____Reports from all local officers (except treasurers) and secretaries of lines of work due to be sent to the respective district officers

Summer, 1964

June 19-21_____Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah

June 22-26_____Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah

August 3-7_____Conference School of Missions, Centenary College

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Monroe, Louisiana

March 13-17, 1963

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

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To these exceptionally fine women whose lives are dedicated to witness and to service,

Whose lives are examples of the power of God's triumphant love,

Whose daily manifestations of service, in Christ's name, have lightened the burdens of many,

To these, our **Deaconesses,** on this their Seventy-fifth Anniversary, we dedicate the Twenty-third Annual Report.

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1941	10,360	642	40,118.45
1942	9,164	673	45,822.73
1943	8,574	705	50,698.08
1944	7,930	789	63,705.95
1945	8,589	977	67,874.58
1946-47	9,304	1173	77,957.93
1947-48	9,707	1308	95,626.78
1948-49	10,100	1443	100,214.01
1949-50	10,944	1637	101,472.32
1950-51	11,855	1701	108,344.98
1951-52	12,125	1689	116,483.71
1952-53	12,686	1839	125,232.38
1953-54	13,115	1926	141,225.25
1954-55	13,310	1863	146,269.53
1955-56	13,813	1875	150,957.47
1956-57	13,994	1968	155,947.42
1957-58	13,998	2002	160,797.97
1958-59	13,964	2039	161,745.66
1959-60	13,704	2172	167,080.34
1960-61	13,581	2172	167,905.51
1961-62	13,782	2194	171,232.32
1962-63	13,290	1933	170,536.09

*Total giving includes figures for the Wesleyan Service Guild because the earlier records did not show the division in giving.

Annual Meetings

1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting.
1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30.
1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4-6.
1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1961—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15-17.
1962—First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 14-16.
1963—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 13-15.

Past Conference Presidents

1940-1941—Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., 533 Dudley Drive, Shreveport
1941-1946—Mrs. John B. Pollard, 3212 Rosedale, Dallas Texas
1946-1954—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 170 N. Vienna, Ruston
1954-1958—Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader, 6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans
1958-1962—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, P. O. Box 88, Shreveport

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
1962 - 1963

In June, 1962 ,the Administrative Committee, polled verbally and by mail, voted: (1) To authorize the new Secretary of Children's Work, Mrs. S. B. Dampier, to attend Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah in August, 1962, as recommended by her predecessor, Mrs. R. R. Cahal, at the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee, the expense money to come from the item in the budget for cooperative work. (2) A gift of appreciation to Mrs. J. H. McSween for her unselfish, "beyond the call of duty" service in working long hours, over a period of three weeks, assisting in the transfer of the treasurer's books to the new treasurer and in the preparation of the treasurer's annual report at a time of emergency caused by the critical lilness of the outgoing Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert C. Loyd.

On August 12, 1962, the Administrative Committee met in the library of James Dormitory, Centenary College, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. Those present were Mesdames Dameron, T. Haller Jackson, Carl Gallaher, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Wideman Watson, M. R. Tatum, and Geo. H. Thomas.

The President called attention to the fact that there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors of MacDonell Methodist Center and of Dulac Community Center which had occurred because of the death of Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry in March, 1962, and the retiring of Mrs. R. R. Cahal as Conference Secretary of Children's Work. Mrs. Warren Orr was appointed to fill one vacancy.

Mrs. Patterson reported two vacancies in the list of alternate delegates to the Jurisdiction, due to the retirement from office of Miss Sue Batton and the death of Mrs. Tackaberry, each of whom were elected by name. Miss Arline Tyler and Mrs. George H. Thomas were appointed to fill the existing vacancies, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

It was agreed to recommend that Mrs. George Sexton, first president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, be asked to serve as Historian for the Conference Society.

Mrs. Dameron asked permission to buy a two drawer filing cabinet for the use of the president. It was moved by Mrs. Tatum that Mrs. Dameron be authorized to buy a filing cabinet for the president. Motion carried.

It was decided that the Mid-year Meeting should begin at 3:45 P.M., Tuesday, October 23rd, 1963, and conclude no later than 10:00 A.M., Thursday, October 25th, thus requiring that all members plan to spend two nights at the meeting place. Plans were made for scheduling committee meetings so there would be no conflict and all persons involved could attend each meeting.

Having written consent from the members of the Executive Committee, polled by mail, the Administrative Committee authorized the recording secretary to have stationery printed as follows: With names of officers, 3,000; without names, 1,000 and to purchase 1,000 unprinted pages for use with this stationery.

On consideration of the cost of printing the Annual Report of the Conference Society, it was decided that the sale price per copy should be seventy-five cents rather than the usual fifty cents.

(For Executive Committee approval of these actions of the Administrative committee, see 1962 Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, page 36.

In November, 1962, the Conference Treasurer, after consultation with some members of the Committee on Finance, informed the Administrative Committee that to follow the action approved by the Executive Committee in the 1962 Mid-year Meeting, whereby money refunded from the 1963 Mission Tour would be added to the item already marked for Tours in the 1963-1964 budget, would result in an imbalance between the total budget (including the pledge to missions and the Conference budget) and the district pledges, unless the district pledges were increased. Therefore, the Administrative Committee, polled by mail, voted to recommend that the Executive Committee rescind the action taken regarding this disposition of the money refunded from the 1962 Missions Tour, and further to recommend that the refunded money be returned to cultivation.

In December, 1962, on the recommendation of the Conference President and the Conference Treasurer, the Administrative Committee, polled by mail, voted to comply with a request from the Executive Council of the Jurisdiction Society to the effect that the Conference Society provide one third of the expense of three workers from the Louisiana Conference, selected by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, to the February, 1963, meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this amount to be taken from the item marked for "Jurisdiction Meeting," with supplemental funds from the "Miscellaneous" item, if necessary. The three workers selected were named as follows: Mr. Carl Brunson, Mrs. Helen Gage Harris, and Miss Hazel Cooper.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Alexandria, Louisiana — October 23, 24, 1962

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened at 3:45 p.m., October 23, 1962, in the sanctuary of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church, Alexandria, for the mid-year meeting. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President, presided.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. D'Maris Beck, Chairman of Registration, who served as organist for the opening hymn, "The Voice of God is Calling." Worship was led by the Reverend Louis Coppage, pastor host, using the text "The fields are white for the harvest but the workers are few." He stated that this same call is directed to us today. This is a day of widening recognition that man alone cannot save himself—that man without God is hopeless; that creation was not by mere chance, but by divine action; that the primary and continuing responsibility of our churches is evangelism, bringing people to a commitment to Christ. This is our great challenge and our great opportunity. He concluded the service of worship with prayer.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary. Those present were: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, M. R. Tatum, Geo. H. Thomas, Carl Gallaher, S. B. Dampier, J. B. Mouton, Sr., Warren Orr, Wideman Watson, C. R. McCammon, Glen R. Nordyke, B. F. Patterson, Jr., T. Haller Jackson, C. B. McGowan, Charles Giessen, C. W. Tebow, L. B. Kilpatrick, S. E. Richardson, J. E. McCampbell, A. R. Scheffer, T. Luster James, W. W. Hyde, W. A. Ragan, M. Eloi Girard, P. D. Lambert, A. J. McGrede, S. A. Seegers, P. L. Foreman, R. R. Cahal, Max L. Clayton, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, Cecil Read, J. R. Kavanaugh, J. W. Murray Jr., and Miss Arline Tyler.

It was announced that Mrs. Glenn Williams was absent because of the recent arrival of a new baby, and that Mrs. W. D. Snelling was detained by a death in her family. Mrs. Richardson was asked to send appropriate messages to the absent members.

Mrs. Kilpatrick asked for special privilege. She very graciously expressed her thanks for the dedication of the Annual Report, saying, "Though this has been done in my name, it is an appreciation for the work of each of you." She showed her Sustaining Membership pin, which arrived during the summer, and expressed her deep appreciation for it—a gift of the societies in the Louisiana Conference.

Minutes of actions approved by the Administrative Committee since the Spring Meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. (Note: Minutes recorded on Page 21 of the Twenty-Second Annual Report, and page 20 of the Twenty-Third Annual Report.)

Mrs. Jackson reported that Mrs. Herbert Loyd, who has been very ill, is improving slowly. It was requested that a word of greeting from the Executive Committee be sent to her along with the messages to absent members.

Correspondence was read by the Secretary.

The President welcomed those who were new this year to the executive committee, those who had returned to the committee after a period of absence, and those who were members in a new capacity, having changed offices or lines of work. The new members introduced were: Miss Arline Tyler, Mesdames Scheffer, Seegers, Spencer, and Kavanaugh, and (in absentia) Lawrence Callahan, H. R. White, and John L. Howe. Those returned after a period of absence were: Mesdames Nordyke, McGowan, Lambert, Aycock, Tebow, and W. D. Snelling, (in absentia). Those having changed office or line of work were: Mesdames Gallaher, Dampier, McCammon, Giessen, and Cahal.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Committee appointments were made as follows: Journal—Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Girard; Resolutions—Mrs. Giessen, Mrs. Nordyke.

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting was recessed for dinner, which was served in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Methodist Church as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of this church and First Methodist Church of Pineville. The Reverend Byrl Moreland, pastor host, asked the blessing.

At 7:00 p.m., the evening session was convened in the sanctuary of Trinity Methodist Church. Mrs. Dameron presented a panel of nine members of the Executive Committee who were delegates or visitors to the South Central Jurisdiction meeting and the Sixth Assembly in Atlantic City. The panel made a very impressive report of these two meetings. Those on the panel were: Mesdames Dameron, Patterson, McGrede, Richardson, James, Cahal, Seegers, Aycock, Thomas. Mrs. W. D. Snelling was scheduled to assist on the panel, but was unavoidably absent.

Mrs. Dameron read a letter from Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, who was attending another meeting and could not be present; Mrs. Laskey wrote items of interest from the Woman's Division. She stated that work is progressing on the Home Economics program for the Congo. During the year, intensive preparation and investigation has gone on. In addition, it was found that a girls' high school is badly needed, so approval was given for this. This is a part of the "over and above" program on which the Woman's Division has embarked. Plans are being made to begin an intensive literature program overseas. The whole publishing business is to be strengthened and the program accelerated for Christian literature. Also, she spoke of a very significant and impressive Cornerstone Laying ceremony for the Church Peace Center in New York City, in which United Nations dignitaries and prominent Protestant leaders participated. Mrs. Dameron distributed copies of information about the Peace Center written by Mrs. Laskey.

The President called for officers' reports.

Vice-President: Mrs. Tatum stated that she had the privilege of serving as the Dean for the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, 1962. There were 24 in the Vice-President's clinic which she conducted, including 7 district officers. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick spoke of and showed slides

from the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women in Oslo, Norway, August, 1961, which added inspiration and information to the clinic, as one of the particular responsibilities of the vice-president is to promote the World Federation of Methodist Women. Also, she served on the Committee on Annual Meeting Program and helped to plan, and participate in, local, zone and district meetings. She stated that the program material for 1962-1963 has presented an opportunity to adapt program material to local needs, bringing the challenge and responsibility to have programs that will truly call women to God's mission, confront us by things as they are, then compel us by faith to respond. She stressed the value of committee work, especially on program.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Thomas gave a resume of the work entailed in publishing the Twenty-Second Annual Report, urging understanding and cooperation in the future in meeting deadlines set for copy to be sent in to the Committee on Annual Report.

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher gave the Treasurer's Report for the first quarter, 1962-1963:

Total Balance, May 20, 1962		$14,839.82
Receipts First Quarter		38,031.49
Total to Account for		$52,871.31
Disbursements:		
To Woman's Division	$21,025.03	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation (Fourth Quarter)	822.05	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation (First Quarter)	614.04	
Conference Cultivation Expense	4,020.90	
Transient Funds	2,388.50	
Total Disbursements		$28,870.52
Cash Balance, August 20, 1962:		
First Federal Savings & Loan, Alexandria, Louisiana Supply Account	$3,362.92	
First Federal Savings & Loan, Alexandria, Louisiana Special Account	1,265.51	
Rapides Building and Loan, Alexandria, Louisiana	3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans, La.	16,372.36	24,000.79
Total to Account for		$52,871.31

Secretary of Children's Work: Mrs. Dampier reported that she cooperated with the Church School Literature Committee by having a special class in Vacation Church School in June. She attended the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah in July, where she participated in a workshop on the new church school material for the Children's Division which will be put into use in the fall of 1964. Plans are being made for this group to have further study at Mt. Sequoyah in 1963; then in the summer of 1964, special institutes will be held in our conference to prepare workers for the new literature. She attended School of Missions in Shreveport in August, where she gave individual help to several persons. She participated in 3 district seminars, presenting Children's Work and introducing the junior books for the year's mission studies in special sessions for children's workers. She recommended that at future seminars Children's Work be presented to the entire assembly. She stated that plans have been made for the Conference Council of Children's Workers to meet in Bunkie on the 11th and 12th of December. The district Secretaries of Children's Work are invited and urged to attend this meeting. She expressed a sense of great need to find some way to reach more local secretaries of children's work.

Mrs. Dameron urged that the members of the Executive Committee, as individuals, acquaint themselves with the new literature for children.

Literature and Publications: Mrs. Orr called attention to new literature, just off the press, listed on the back of **The Methodist Woman;** to an important questionnaire in the October, 1962, issue to be filled out by every subscriber and mailed in to the editor of **The Methodist Woman;** and to the new policy that allows for life subscriptions to be placed in an investment fund and used for building needed Methodist Churches. She expressed her concern over the small number of subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman,** and urged that suggested slogans for use in promoting our literature and publications be sent to her. She stated that she attended Jurisdiction School of Missions; ordered and displayed literature for Guild Weekend and Conference School of Missions, with sales totaling $359.25 at Guild Weekend, and $1,059.20 at School of Missions; and assisted in the literature room at the New Orleans District's first joint Mission Seminar with the United Church Women, with sales there totaling about $235.00.

Mrs. Orr recommended that a committee on literature be named to help staff the literature room at School of Missions with persons who would help check and set up display of literature, and assist in taking inventory, checking accounts, repacking unsold material and mailing it back to Literature Headquarters.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved that the President appoint a committee to select certain persons who shall assist the Secretary of Literature and Publications in staffing the literature room during the Conference School of Missions, the members of this committee to be those members of the Executive Committee residing in Shreveport, with the added specification that the names of persons to assist the Secretary of Literature and Publications must be given to her by May 1. **Motion carried.**

Missionary Education: Mrs. Watson reported that 22 from the Louisiana Conference attended the 1962 South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service. Dates for the 1963 Jurisdiction School of Missions will be June 24-29, 1963, with the Wesleyan Service Guild preceding this date.

She gave a report on the Louisiana Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, 1962. (See page 97 for this report.)

Mrs. Watson stated that the date of the 1963 Conference School of Missions and Christian Service will be August 5-9, 1963. Study courses will be The Christian Mission in Southern Asia, The Changing City Challenges the Church, The Christian Family and Its Money, and An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics. Those serving will be Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman; Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Dean; Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Assistant Dean (in charge of housing); Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Registrar; Mrs. E. B. Miller, Secretary; Mrs. John Cooke, Librarian; Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt and Mrs. Joe Bond, in charge of Worship Settings.

She reported that 10 District Educational Seminars were held in the Louisiana Conference — eight for the Woman's Society members, and two for the Wesleyan Service Guild; 265 Societies were represented, with 1,471 persons attending. Most of the Districts held youth and children's workshops. With part of the seminar funds the following film-strips were purchased: "The Hook," "Methodism on the Rim of Asia," "Korean Witness," "The Church Comes to Yin-Hwa." These are available for use to all societies and Guild units throughout the Conference.

Mrs. Dameron pointed out that the seminars reach a good percentage of the societies in the state (82.5%), while School of Missions reaches only one-third of them. Mrs. Kilpatrick suggested that the District Secretaries of Promotion study the problem of how to promote interest in School of Missions and bring in some recommendations at the Spring meeting.

Mrs. Dameron requested that those involved in planning an agenda for District Officer Training in Alexandria consider the matter of informing and helping district officers to plan ways to improve the work of the Woman's Society in the local churches.

At 9:45 p.m., the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. to reconvene in the Scout Hut at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

A period of meditation was led by Mrs. Jackson. Using the thought, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle," from Job 7:6, she asked, "Do you ever hear anyone say, 'What's the Use?' This represents a disturbing philosophy of life. We, as Christians, have a different philosophy, and though the way is sometimes difficult, we often surprise ourselves by the way we can face emergencies. When we fall into a state of weariness, we know that we need to lift our eyes to God's long view. When we have been bending the muscles of our minds toward personal problems, it is good to stretch our minds toward God—to pray for the higher view that God has of the situation. As Christians we believe that the shuttle weaving the master design is guided by the Master Weaver. Lifted up in our Father's love, we no longer see things as insurmountable objects. If we stay close to Him, we may catch a little of His view and see that He, the Master Weaver, will weave all to His honor and glory." She concluded with prayer.

The President requested that prayers be said during the day for our world situation.

As a committee to plan for the staffing of the literature room at School of Missions, the President appointed Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Murray, and Miss Tyler, this committee to report at the Spring meeting.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Mouton reported that she sent the recommendations for the Department of Christian Social Relations, along with a letter and other materials, to the district secretaries for their distribution to the local societies; gave material on Christian Social Relations to interested people in other organizations having the same concerns as the Woman's Society; wrote letters to specified people relative to "Freedom Riders in Reverse," at the request of Miss Thelma Stevens, in the attempt to give a true picture of the implications of this movement and the possible results to both the Negro and white population; shared literature, plans, and fellowship with the Conference Guild Secretary and the District Secretary of Christian Social Relations for the Central Jurisdiction. She attended Jurisdiction School of Missions, where she studied the course "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World;" represented the department of Christian Social Relations at Louisiana Annual Conference and at the committee meeting of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns in Shreveport in June; mailed copies of the report of the Bishop's Special Committee at Annual Conference to every local society so that the local member could have the opportunity to study the report; attended Conference School of Missions and held a very profitable clinic for about 16 women; presented the study on "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World" in the Lafayette and Lake Charles Districts, and is promoting a class for young parents in this course in every church; promoted and gave information about United Nations to Woman's Society of Christian Service groups, Sunday School classes, United Church Women groups through talks and literature, with special emphasis relative to UNICEF, and made effort through the Press to give facts on UNICEF to offset articles opposing it. She recommended for information, "Facts for Fallacies on UNICEF," available from Literature Headquarters. She emphasized the importance of studying materials sent out by the Department of Christian Social Relations. She attended a meeting of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation in Baton Rouge in October, and a meeting of the Regional Committee on Race, held in New Orleans on October 18, to which the district and local Secretaries of Christian Social Relations in New Orleans were invited.

Mrs. Mouton stated that a Workshop on the United Nations is being planned for November in Baton Rouge. The international team from the Woman's Division is to be there. Also, plans are under way for a United Nations workshop in Shreveport.

There was a fifteen-minute recess for mid-morning coffee, which was served as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Missionary Service: Mrs. Nordyke attended School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah in June, where she attended the clinic of Mrs. Pittard and Mrs. Yeakley, Jurisdiction Secretaries of Foreign and Home Work. With the help

of Mrs. Robley Davis, former Conference Secretary of Missionary Service, a revised list has been made of all the missionaries, deaconesses, and other workers who have gone out from Louisiana or who serve within the Conference. This list is complete with birth dates and addresses. Each local society is being asked to continue the project of the past year, with new assignments. Each society has been given the name of a worker to remember on her birthday and on special days. This can be a rewarding experience for both the society and the worker. Mrs. Nordyke stated that she had written 72 letters and cards since taking office in June. She is keeping the "Memo Book" on all workers up to date. She reported: two new deaconesses in the conference—Mrs. Helen Gage Harris, Case Worker at MacDonell, and Miss Patricia Gibson, who is doing program work at Dulac; and two new workers at Sager Brown Home and Godman School—Miss Judith Doyle, US2, doing kindergarten work, and Miss Barbara Boultinghouse, teacher.

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. Tebow, Editor of the Conference News requested permission to report at this time, as she could not attend the entire session. She gave a sketch of the January 15, 1963, issue of the paper, stating that it will carry the publicity of the 1963 Annual Meeting to be held at the First Methodist Church in Monroe, and of the Spring District Meetings. She requested that articles for this issue be contributed by the following: the President, Chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Secretary of Youth Work, and Secretary of Promotion. Because the paper will be decreased in size (only 4 pages), articles should be only 250 words in length. Articles must be written in duplicate and be in the hands of Mrs. Tebow and Mrs. J. H. McSween by December 1, 1962. The second issue of the paper in 1963 will be on June 1st.

Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCammon expressed her appreciation for the privilege of attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions in June and getting to know the Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Rigg. One District Secretary, Mrs. W. O. Lynch of Oak Grove, Louisiana, was present in the clinic and made a fine contribution there. She stated that the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel are endeavoring to follow through with information to those whose names are channeled to them. At Conference School of Missions she held a clinic which was disappointing because of poor attendance, but the presentation of recruitment emphasis in the evening program was well received. In September, she attended a meeting of the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations and reviewed the book, "The Bible and God's Call." She recommended this book for each individual's careful study, stating that it is especially good for adult workers with youth and for Committees on Christian Vocations. She announced that Miss Merry Fife of Baton Rouge would represent the Conference Woman's Society at the Christian Vocations Weekend to be held in Kansas City on October 26, 27, 28, 1963, and that plans were under way in several districts for Christian Vocation seminars and workshops.

As a follow-up to this report, the president requested that Mrs. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the **Conference Commission on Christian Vocations,** bring a report from that committee. Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that there are now in the files of the Commission 139 Basic Information Forms which have been completed by young people who, by so doing, have indicated an interest in church-related vocations. These names will be made available to the district secretaries of Missionary Personnel, as well as to the district directors of Christian Vocations and directors of Youth. A church-related Vocation Workshop was held August 18-19 at Camp Istrouma with 24 young people attending. These high school graduates were given a survey of the nature of the following church-related vocations and the requirements, educationally and otherwise, for entering them: pastoral ministry, church-related institutions, social work, journalism, education, and missions. Fourteen Basic Information Record Forms were completed by those in attendance. In addition, several wanted their names channeled to their ministers and parents, which was done.

Other actions and plans of this Commission reported by Mrs. Kilpatrick were: (1) a vote to stress activating local Committees on Church Vocations, knowing that recruitment can be done most effectively in the local church; (2) plans to work with church-related institutions in employing selected young people during vacation, thereby giving them an opportunity to gain first hand experience in vocations in which they have indicated an interest, (with Miss Norma Garlington, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe, as chairman); (3) the Bishop's Conference on Ministry to be held February 1 and 2, 1963, for those young men and mature men who are interested in entering the ministry. Mrs. Kilpatrick requested that names of any persons interested in the ministry, other than students now in the seminaries, be sent to her. Also, she wishes to receive names of young people interested in any church-related vocation from anyone who has such information. She urged that we strive to help meet the Church's desperate need for workers.

Promotion: Mrs. Patterson reported that the district meetings held in April and based on the ideas from the Leadership Training phase of School of Missions were well attended. Evaluation sheets were high in praise of the amount of information included in the programs. She stated that reports at the close of the year 1961-62 showed a gain of 215 in membership in Louisiana while the Jurisdiction lost 2000 members and the Woman's Division lost 13,803. However, she warned against complacency. saying that we need to continue working to get more new members as well as improving our total program to meet the needs of all the women of the church. Less than a third of them hold any sort of officer training. Both of these areas need our help. We should encourage our societies to participate in all phases of the work of the Woman's Society or Guild. She stated that The Reverend Rex Squyres, Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, has volunteered to help in trying to organize the smaller churches. The secretaries of promotion have compiled lists of all the unorganized churches in their respective districts and will work with Reverend Squyres and the pastors of the various churches in this effort.

Mrs. Patterson stated that training for district officers and secretaries of lines of work will be held at First Methodist Church in Alexandria on May 1-2, 1963, the meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1, and close at noon on Thursday, May 2. At a meeting of district officers and secretaries present at School of Missions these requests were made to be considered in planning for the training period: specific help on district responsibilities, ways to bridge the gap between district and local officers, more time in separate clinics, and asking the outgoing officers to make list of questions the new officers need to discuss. More detailed plans are to be made at the spring meeting. The district meetings in April, 1963, will be based on recruitment and program building emphases presented in the Leadership Development phase of the School of Missions. The district officers will be responsible for working out interesting ways of presenting the program of the Woman's Division. For the emphasis on recruitment, Miss Jenny Mo Horton, Deaconess, will itinerate our conference. Tentative dates set for the district meetings are as follows: April 16, Baton Rouge District at Bogalusa; April 17, New Orleans District at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans; April 18, Lafayette District at Morgan City; April 19, Lake Charles District at Westlake; April 23, Alexandria District at Trinity Methodist Church; April 24, Monroe District at Tallulah; April 25, Ruston District at Haynesville; April 26, Shreveport District at Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Patterson stated that the new outline for the course on the work of the Woman's Society is now complete. To be more effective in our offices, every member of the Executive Committee should study this outline and receive credit for this course. Societies can receive Jurisdiction Recognition for this course if it is presented in such a way that it meets the requirements for Jurisdiction Recognition. The outlines are available for 25 cents from the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville.

On the recommendation that this course be taught in Conference School of Missions, the President asked the School of Missions Committee to consider the recommendation and report at Spring Executive Committee meeting.

It was agreed that all district executive committees should emphasize the importance of having all district officers attend the District Officer Training day in Alexandria and make this known when nominating new officers.

Mrs. Dameron presented a chart of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which was made by Mrs. Aycock and her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Fowler. Mrs. Aycock explained the chart. The President recommended that each district make a similar chart for use in district, zone and local society meetings. Mrs. Aycock had a pattern for those who wished to copy the chart.

At 11:45 the meeting was recessed for a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church at which the Alexandria District officers were hostesses. The Reverend Guy Hicks returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron introduced guests present, who were the Reverend Hicks and Mrs. Hicks, and the Reverend George W. Dameron, husband of the President. Mrs. Richardson, President of Alexandria District, presented the district officers who were present. Mrs. Dameron announced that Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey was selected as one of the two representatives from the South Central Jurisdiction to the World Council of Churches, and congratulated Mrs. Cahal, President of the New Orleans District, on being chosen Woman of the Year in the New Orleans District.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Student Work: In the absence of Mrs. John Howe, Secretary of Student Work, her report was read by the Recording Secretary. The report stated that as a new secretary of student work her efforts thus far had been aimed at getting acquainted with: (1) the work and the challenge, (2) the district and local secretaries, (3) the Wesley Foundation directors, and chaplains, (4) and the students. Only two district secretaries attended the clinic for secretaries of student work at the School of Missions, but they had both been active and had some excellent questions. As follow up on these questions, questionnaires were sent to each Wesley Foundation Director in the State. Their answers have pointed up some definite areas for special work on local, district, and conference level. A panel of three students joined the clinic one day to discuss how the local church could strengthen its program with students. A resume of their very excellent discussion was sent to district secretaries and to Wesley Foundation directors.

Mrs. Howe stated that our most urgent task seems to be to establish a better understanding between the local church and the campus, which could be accomplished by having active, dedicated local secretaries of student work, but an understanding of this sort must be founded on actual contact and sharing rather than hearsay or assumption. A Library Shelf of books recommended by the Woman's Division, by the World and National Student Christian Federations, and by the Wesley Foundations has been gathered and will be on loan to district secretaries. Programs in which students can share their own opinions and ideas with each other and with adults are being encouraged. Steps are being taken to strengthen the work being done by campus secretaries. Correspondence will be continued to build closer working relationships with Wesley Foundations and Methodist Student Movement units. Recruitment materials have been sent in a packet to district secretaries and to the directors.

Spiritual Life: Mrs. Jackson attended the two Schools of Missions, at Mt. Sequoyah and at Centenary College, and at both took the courses on Prayer. She stated that the study of "Dimensions of Prayer" merits our best efforts in order that it may result in making prayer a more vital, living reality in the lives of all who participate. At Conference School of Missions, she held a Spiritual Life Clinic, was responsible for the preparation of the blessings for each meal in the cafeteria, for the worship setting in Brown Chapel, and for the morning meditations. The meditations were prepared by four of our workers from the Louisiana Conference and assembled into booklet form, a copy of which was placed in each student's packet. Since June 1, two letters have been sent to each local secretary of Spiritual Life and there has been frequent correspondence with the district secretaries.

The Committee on Spiritual Life has stressed the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, urging every society to observe the week. A special appeal has come from Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee on Spiritual Life for the Woman's Division, to study Wesley's notes on **The Book of Romans** in 1962 and 1963. This study, well suited to use by all church groups and especially to prayer groups, can be of great value in leading up to the observance of Aldersgate in 1963. Plans for a long-desired Retreat for the Executive Committee are in the making and are to be reported at this meeting.

Mrs. Jackson stated that Miss Helen Mandelbaum, a Deaconess from Louisiana, who wrote one of the morning worship services for School of Missions, is taking a year's leave of absence from Wesley Community House in Louisville, Kentucky, and is on loan to the National Federation of Settlements with whom she will be a field worker in eleven Southern states with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Her address: c/o Bethlehem Center, 9 McDonough, S. E., Atlanta 13.

Supply Work: Mrs. McGowan reported that the Louisiana Conference was asked to accept an increase in cash for Supply Work this year. This increase was accepted by the districts. The Christmas parties are being held throughout the Conference. The home mission asking assigned to each local society is to be the recipient of the Christmas party gifts. She urged that Red Scissors coupons be collected and sent to St. Mark's Community Center, to be redeemed for cash which is used to improve the St. Mark's Community Center Camp at Covington. She stated that because of changes in personnel, the need of education in Supply Work on the district level has been urgent and thus her communications have been directed to the district secretaries of supply work, rather than to the local secretaries.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Miss Tyler reported that in the Guild this year there are three new Conference officers, three new members of the Conference Guild Committee from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and five new District Secretaries. The Conference Secretary and two Conference Chairmen of Lines of Work attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions and presented studies at the Conference Guild Weekend. She stated that the opportunity to share in the School of Missions at Centenary is being accepted with increased appreciation and attendance by Guild members. Attendance in the Guild Clinic was good and the participation was most commendable. Guild Weekend was very successful, with an attendance beyond capacity, which necessitates some changes in plans for the coming year. Coaching Conference had an attendance of 41 conference and district officers. The follow up of this was district coaching conferences. To date, six districts have reported, indicating wide participation and effective training in each. Some have combined this training and retreats. Others have planned retreats for other times. The district secretaries are doing visitation and promotion through the district committee.

Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen reported that the outstanding accomplishments of the Youth program during the summer months were two-fold. First, 31 Louisiana Conference Youth had the rewarding experience of a 10-day co-educational Mission Tour, sponsored by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, which included visits to mission projects and church institutions in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Arkansas. Miss Louise Sharp was most efficient as tour director. Those participating not only grew in their understanding of the Church's Mission in today's world but experienced a spiritual growth and group living. Second, 37 girls of high school and college age attended the Louisiana Conference School of Missions. To quote from their own report to the school, they felt that they had "been led beyond trivialities and aimless talk into serious wrestling with the great problems which face them in their efforts to be better Christians." Plans for next year will again include the girls.

Mrs. Giessen attended Jurisdiction School of Missions; conducted a Youth Work Clinic at the Conference School of Missions; attended a meeting of the Youth Committee of the Board of Education at First Methodist

Church, Alexandria on October 23, at which Reverend Charles Mowry of the General Board of Education was present. She hopes to work closely with the Conference and District Youth Directors in planning for a well balanced program of Christian Outreach to be channeled through youth assemblies, workshops, camps, sub-district and other meetings. She hopes to attend the South Central Regional Workshop for Youth to be held at Mt. Sequoyah in August of 1963. Plans for a youth dinner at the Annual Meeting in March are being made, with Miss Allene Ford as the speaker.

Mrs. Giessen requested that the committee on seminars consider having Youth Work presented at the general session in each seminar.

Mrs. Dameron announced that National College is offering tuition scholarships of $500.00 to a number of students for the academic year 1962-1963 and is requesting her assistance in locating the students who should be given these scholarships. The applicants may be either men or women, and should be persons who would be able to profit by this opportunity. The total expense for the year is $1,240.00, which means that, with the scholarship, the cost to the student will be $740.00

Mrs. Dameron welcomed and introduced Mrs. Alfred Knox, from **The Louisiana Methodist,** who had just arrived.

President: Mrs. Dameron expressed her deep indebtedness to Mrs. Kilpatrick for the patient and loving assistance given her and to the members of the Executive Committee for their unfailing graciousness. She stated that during the busy months since March, 1962, she had closed out one line of work and assumed the duties of a new office; itinerated the conference in the district meetings; attended the Jurisdiction Society and the Sixth Assembly in Atlantic City, at which she was privileged to lay the gift of $1,257.98 from the Woman's Societies of Louisiana on the altar. At Annual Conference she was introduced to many of the Boards and Committees on which the Conference President serves by virtue of office. She attended meetings of the Boards of Institutions of the Woman's Division in Louisiana. The President is a member of the Board of the Methodist Children's Home, a trustee of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, and a member of the Area Council. All of these responsibilities are also opportunities to participate cooperatively in the total church program and to share information about the Woman's Society. The Town and Country Commission, at its recent workshop, gave her an hour to talk on the Woman's Society, especially in relation to the small church. The Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, School of Missions, and Missionary Conference were all a part of the summer's schedule. She taught in three conference Schools of Missions — Missouri West, Kansas, and Louisiana, and led the president's clinic at Louisiana School of Missions.

Mrs. Dameron stated that two new workers have come into our conference — Miss Patricia Gibson, a deaconess, has been assigned to Dulac, and Miss Judith Doyle, a US2, is at Sager-Brown Home and Godman School.

Committee reports were called for by the President.

Louisiana Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work: Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that the Chairman's report is actually the report of the District Advisory Committee, the former Ruston District Committee and the Alexandria District Committee. In 1958, the Ruston District Superintendent requested a worker for Town and Country Work in that district. At that time, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey served as chairman of the Louisiana Advisory Committee. Funds were available but a worker could not be secured as requests were made for one in 1959, 1960, and 1961. Surveys were made in 1959 and 1961. A district committee functioned with Mrs. Virgil Morris as chairman. The need for a worker still exists. There is no committee set up for the Ruston District at this time. She expressed appreciation for the services of both Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Morris. Mrs. J. H. McSween, as Chairman of the Alexandria District Advisory Committee, has given much time to planning and supervising the work in the two areas where the worker, Mrs. Overbey, has served and is now serving. Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that

we want to go on record in expressing to her our appreciation for the leadership she has given to developing and carrying forward the work of Town and Country in the Alexandria District.

Mrs. Kilpatrick urged that because of the need for all types of workers, we should become more aware of those people, young and mature, in our Church and communities who can serve. She recommended that the book, "The Bible and God's Call," be read by each member of the Executive Committee and its use promoted in our churches as one means of recruitment.

Mrs. Kilpatrick asked that Mrs. Richardson, secretary of the Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work, report on actions of that committee at its recent meeting. Mrs. Richardson reported that the following committees were appointed by the Chairman: (1) A study committee to study the current status of the need and desire for a church and community worker in the Ruston District. Those appointed to serve on this committee were: Mrs. Wideman Watson, chairman, Miss Shiela Nuttall, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, with the Bishop and District Superintendent to be included in a consultative and advisory capacity. This committee was asked to bring a report to the Spring Executive Committee Meeting. (2) A committee on Personnel Policies and Practices to make recommendations for the guidance of the church and community worker relative to: vacation periods, rest days, attendance at special meetings and training opportunities, invitations away from the area. The members of this committee are Mrs. J. H. McSween, chairman, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, and Mrs. G. W. Dameron.

Recommendations made by the Committee and reported by Mrs. Richardson were adopted as follows:

A. On motion of Mrs. McCammon the Conference Lay Leader was added to the Membership of the Louisiana Advisory Committee.
B. On motion of Mrs. Jackson one or more pastors from the area in which the Church and Community Worker is employed were added to the Louisiana Advisory Committee.
C. On motion of Mrs. Kilpatrick it was recommended that the District Advisory Committee consider the following:
   (1) Addition to the district committee membership of a worker from one of the community agencies, to be recommended by the Church and Community Worker.
   (2) Addition of the District Lay Leader to the District committee.
   (3) Regular time for meeting of the committee.

After expressing an intense interest in Town and Country work, Mrs. Kilpatrick tendered her resignation as Chairman of the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work, and asked that it be accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson that the resignation of Mrs. Kilpatrick as Chairman of the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Town and Country work be accepted with regret. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. McCammon reported that program plans were progressing nicely. The 75th anniversary of the Deaconess Movement will be highlighted throughout the program. The Aldersgate Year will also be emphasized. Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick will be the evening speaker. Other speakers include Bishop Aubrey Walton, Miss Allene Ford, from the office of Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, and Miss Caroline Porter, retired Deaconess from Louisiana. A youth dinner will again be part of the program.

Mrs. McCammon requested that those committees desiring meetings during the spring meeting let her know so that they might be properly scheduled.

Mrs. Dameron presented Miss Candy Stewart ,a high school student from Alexandria who participated in the Mission Tour for youth during the past summer. She recounted highlights of the tour and spoke of the inspir-

ation, the fun, and the Christian fellowship that was meaningful to the members of the tour group, and stated that this tour was the turning point in her life and in what she wants out of life. She brought a message from the Senior High Youth Council that if another such tour is planned, this Council would like to help finance it. This was decided at a recent Council Workshop. She named the Reverend Lawrence Gilbert as the contact person.

Mrs. McCammon stated that this tour had the impact on the young people that it had because of the planning and guidance of the tour director. She expressed concern that all tours be done in the proper way, with the proper planning and guidance.

A short recess was called during which coffee was served as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Mrs. Alfred Knox, representing **The Louisiana Methodist,** stated that materials for advance publicity of a meeting must reach her office at least two weeks before the meeting, as they must be in the office one week before publication date. Also, she urged that material be sent to her through the year, not just periodically.

Constitution and By-Laws: In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. Thomas called attention to the fact that the changes in conference bylaws which were adopted by the Woman's Division in January, 1962, were incorporated in the bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as published in the **Twenty-Second Annual Report,** with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the Executive Committee approve the action taken by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws in bringing the Bylaws in line with the Woman's Division in the **Twenty-Second Annual Report. Motion carried.**

Committee on Annual Report: Mrs. Thomas reported that the **Twenty-Second Annual Report** came off the press August 9 and 10, 1962. Seven hundred copies were in the mail by the evening of August 10, at a mailing cost of 4c per copy, with the exception of four overseas copies which were 12c each. Eight hundred fifty copies were printed, each having 151 pages, at a cost of $7.90 per page and $47.70 for the cover. Envelopes for mailing, printed with return address and the notations "Library Material" and "Return Postage Guaranteed," cost $17.66. Postage for mailing 721 copies and remailing 5 was $29.04. The total cost of publishing and mailing was $1,313.12. Twenty-one copies were sold at School of Missions, at 75c per copy, and many were distributed to district officers to be made available for sale in their districts.

Because the entire committee works on the Annual Report, Mrs. Thomas reported that she was authorized to request that 5 copies of any material for the Annual Report be sent to her, rather than the usual 3 copies. This will greatly facilitate checking copy. Also, the Committee on Annual Report voted to appoint a rules committee to draw a set of rules for use by those who write material for the Annual Report. This committee is composed of Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. McSween, and Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved that we give consideration to having our bylaws of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild printed in a separate book. **Motion carried.** The President asked the Recording Secretary to investigate the possibilities of doing this and bring as much information on it as possible to the Spring meeting.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Hyde read the following recommendations from the Committee on Finance:

1. That the 1963-1964 pledge to Missions be _____	$121.436.00
That the 1963-1964 Conference budget be _____	13,020.00
Total _____	$134,456.00

2. That the District pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria	$ 11,714.00
Baton Rouge	20,203.00
Lafayette	10,605.00
Lake Charles	15,000.00
Monroe	16,502.00
New Orleans	17,016.00
Ruston	13,650.00
Shreveport	29,676.00
	$134,456.00

3. That the Conference Budget for 1963-1964 be as follows:

Officers' Expense	$ 1,500.00
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	1,400.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	300.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	775.00
Conference News	625.00
Tour	300.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,800.00
	$ 13,020.00

Mrs Hyde moved the adoption of these recommendations. **Motion carried.** Further recommendations of the Committee on Finance were reported by Mrs. Hyde:

4. That we allow $10.00 a quarter for expenses for mimeographing a narrative report to be sent to the members of the Louisiana Conference and District Advisory Committees on Town and Country work, district presidents, and Conference Guild Secretary.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved that this recommendation be amended by inserting the words Church and Community Worker or Workers after the word report, and adding **The Louisiana Methodist** following the Guild secretary. The amendment was accepted. The recommendation as amended was:

That we allow $10.00 a quarter for expenses for mimeographing a narrative report of the Church and Community Worker or Workers to be sent to the members of the Louisiana Conference and District Advisory Committees on Town and Country Work, the district presidents, the Conference Guild Secretary, and **The Louisiana Methodist.**

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

5. That we allow the expenses for a delegate to the National Town and Country Meeting in Minneapolis, July 9-12, 1963, this expense to be taken from the cooperative meetings' fund.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

6. That we allow up to $60.00 for two delegates, one of whom will be Mrs. Martha Overbey, to the Jurisdiction Town and Country Workshop, November 13, 14, 15, 1962.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Annual Meeting Place: Mrs. Mouton announced that the Methodist Churches of Lafayette have issued an invitation for the 1964 Annual Meeting to be held there. The dates tentatively set were March 11-13 for the Woman's Society, March 14, 15, for the Guild. She stated that the place for the 1963 Mid-Year Executive Meeting and Retreat was not yet definite.

School of Missions Committee: Mrs. Watson reported that the School of Missions Committee recomends that three youth delegates be selected from each District, with only one delegate from any one Church, the age group selected to be high school seniors and college age. Information and application blanks for youth delegates will be mailed with School of Missions information and registration cards to each local society. Mrs. Giessen will also mail information and application forms to each district president, district secretary of Student Work and Youth Work, each district superintendent, the Conference secretary of Youth Work, the Conference youth director and the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild secretary. As a committee appointed to work out policies for School of Missions she named: Mesdames Jackson, Patterson, Tatum, J. T. Eubank, W. D. Snelling, and Miss Arline Tyler.

Committee on Deaconess Association 75th Anniversary: Mrs. Nordyke reported that plans are underway for celebration of the Deaconess Anniversary at the Annual Meeting and that other plans would be made for 1963.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher brought a report from the **Committee on a Residence for Negro Girls** and the Social Welfare Planning Council in New Orleans, as a follow-up of a request that came from the Woman's Society of the Central Jurisdiction. (see pages 42 and 65, **Twenty-First Annual Report.**) She stated that the following recommendations were made:

1. The committee recognizes that little documentation of expressed need for a residence facility has been established. However, opinion in the community and among the committee members favors such a facility. Therefore, the recommendation is made that such a facility be established on a pilot basis.
2. The committee recommends that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Central Jurisdiction explore fully with Flint-Goodridge Hospital the possibility of cooperative effort in establishing a non-sectarian residence facility in the proposed new nurses' home. If this exploration does not lead to a commitment of resources and interest on the part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, it is recommended that they then give earnest consideration to the establishment of a non-sectarian maternity home, of the need for which there is already community awareness. The need for this service is documented in a report of the Social Welfare Planning Council dated May, 1960.
3. Inasmuch as the new Flint-Goodridge proposal is approximately two years away and the YWCA Branch room registry is the only other organized resource, it is recommended that the YWCA promote and develop the registry as an interim service as well as to provide more accurate data on need and possible utilization of a residence facility.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon reported that the Mission Tour of 1962 was most successful from the standpoint of information and inspiration to the young people who participated. She expressed appreciation to Miss Candy Stewart for her report on the tour, which was a reflection of all the tour members. She requested that an official letter of thanks go to Miss Louise Sharp, tour director, from the Executive Committee. The recording secretary was requested to write this letter.

Mrs. McCammon stated that the Committee on Tours recommends that we sponsor a youth mission tour in the summer of 1963, that Miss Sharp be asked to serve as tour director, and that she and her pastor be notified immediately. She moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. McCammon said that slides of the tour, with script, are soon to be available from Miss Sharp for use in local churches. On reporting that $450.00 is being returned from the mission tour fund for 1962, Mrs. McCammon recommended that the Committee on Finance consider returning to cultivation fund this $450.00 from the mission tour of 1962 and apply this to tours for 1963 in addition to the $300.00 previously allocated. This was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President asked Mrs. McCammon to notify Miss Sharp of the action taken concerning a tour in 1963.

Mrs. Dameron gave a report from the **Area Council.** She stated that the Bishop has requested that during the 1962-1963 Conference year every Annual Conference Board, Commission, Committee, and Agency shall study and complete a study and analysis of its own objectives, goals, and its relationship to other Conference Agencies. These analyses are to be submitted on or before the day that the Annual Pre-Conference reports are due for the 1963 Annual Conference, which date is April 4. As a committee to make such a study and report, the President named Mesdames Jackson, Kilpatrick, Patterson, and Dameron.

Mrs. Mouton reported that the Conference Woman's Society is represented at meetings of the **Louisiana Organization for State Legislation** by one or more of the appointed delegates. She attended one such meeting in Baton Rouge recently. Her recommendation was that more time be allowed in Executive Committee Meeting for discussing information about actions of this organization.

Mrs. Kilpatrick reported one action taken as a result of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation which prevented undesirable legislation against our hospitals. She stated that we do not sponsor legislation but use our Christian influence on action taken.

"Our Mission Today" was outlined by Mrs. Dameron as one of the quadrennial thrusts. The team for this thrust in the Louisiana Conference is: Reverend D. W. Poole, chairman; three persons from the Conference Woman's Society, namely the Secretaries of Missionary Education and Missionary Personnel and the President; the Conference Chairman of the Committee on Christian Vocations, Mrs. Kilpatrick; the lay woman representative from the Conference, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson; and Mrs. Glenn Laskey; and certain ministers by virtue of their Conference offices. The purpose of the team is to undergird the mission thrust and interpret the mission of the church today. The team is to attend a training session in February (in St. Louis or Denver). All agencies of the Church are represented in this one great thrust. The ministers have been asked to preach a series of sermons in January or February on "The Bible and God's Mission" (the study book for this thrust) and follow with a mission study emphasis on Sunday evenings.

United Church Women: Mrs. Tatum brought a report from the Annual Meeting of the United Council of Church Women in Monroe in March of 1962. Its theme was "The Church Ecumenical, Its Oneness." One hundred people registered. There are 14 local units in Louisiana. Funds for the migrant project have increased; 56 Methodist Churches contributed to this. The number of people reached in the migrant ministry was 1,725. Mrs. Martha Overbey has directed the school for the migrants in Hammond for three years.

Mrs. Dameron called attention to the fact that the Conference migrant work is an Advance Special of the Louisiana Conference.

At 6:45 p.m., the meeting was recessed for dinner, which was served in the fellowship hall of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of this Church. The Reverend Fred Flurry, Alexandria District Superintendent, asked the blessing. Mrs. Dameron presented guests as follows: Mrs. Ivan Butterfield, President of the hostess society, and Mr. Butterfield; the Reverend Flurry and Mrs. Flurry; the host pastor, the Reverend Louis Coppage. Mrs. Butterfield presented the hostesses for the dinner.

The meeting was resumed as 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Patterson brought the following report: The Committee appointed to study the makeup of the Conference Executive Committee recommends that the District Treasurers and Secretaries of Promotion be made members ex-officio, without vote, on the Executive Committee. She moved that this recommendation be adopted. **Motion carried.**

Miss Ella K. Hooper, stated Mrs. Patterson, has given the Louisiana Conference the Annual Reports for the Woman's Missionary Society and the Woman's Missionary Council beginning with the 1917 reports for both organizations. These books will be kept in the Special Collections Room in the new library at Centenary College. Miss Alice Alben, Librarian, stated the books will be placed next to the complete record of Methodism in Louisiana that is already in the library. Six reports are missing—the 1924, 1925, and 1939 reports of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the 21st, 25th, and 27th Annual Reports of the Woman's Missionary Council. It is hoped that copies can be found to complete this set of records. Two copies of all Annual Reports of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are in the library and new ones are added each year.

Mrs. Patterson stated that the book containing the original charters of those societies which attended the organizational meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is in her possession. She asked permission to rework the book and place it in the Special Collections Room at Centenary College library along with the others mentioned. Permission was granted, with an expression of appreciation for this service.

It was suggested that Miss Ella Hooper be asked to write a history of MacDonell Methodist Center. Mrs. Dameron stated that she would write a letter to Miss Hooper inquiring whether or not she would be able to write such a history.

Retreat: Mrs. Jackson disclosed plans for a possible retreat at Hodges Gardens. Mrs. Orr moved that the Executive Committee have a retreat at Hodges Gardens preceding the Mid-Year meeting of the Executive Committee in 1963 if arrangements can be satisfactorily completed. **Motion carried.**

The length of time for service required for the presentation of an Honorary Membership pin was discussed and referred to a committee composed of Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Watson, and Mrs. Thomas, this committee to make a recommendation concerning this matter at the Spring Meeting.

The Chair asked whether or not the Executive Committee would approve the actions of the Administrative committee as reported in the minutes of the Administrative Committee read by the Recording Secretary at the beginning of the meeting, namely: (1) the appointment of Mrs. Wideman Watson to the Administrative Committee; (2) the appointment of Mrs. Charles B. McGowan to serve as Secretary of Supply Work; (3) the appointment of Mrs. Orr to serve on the Board of Directors of both MacDonell Methodist Center and Dulac Community Center (4) the appointment of Miss Arline Tyler and Mrs. George Thomas as alternate delegates to the Jurisdiction; and (5) the recommendation that Mrs. George Sexton be asked to serve as Historian for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Executive Committee was **unanimous in its approval of these actions.**

The President stated that the appointment of the Historian would have to be approved by the Annual Meeting. To assist Mrs. Sexton as Historian, she plans to appoint Mrs. Elmer Stewart, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Kilpatrick made the following statement regarding an emergency that arose in the office of Treasurer in May, 1962, and moved that it be incorporated in the minutes. **Motion carried.** The statement follows:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SERVING THROUGH MAY, 31, 1962: In order to clarify Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher's being called upon to act as treasurer before June 1, 1962, the following steps were taken:

Mrs. Herbert Loyd, Treasurer, in entering the hospital in Houston, Texas, for surgery stated she would return to Shreveport in time to complete the year's work as Treasurer.

Complications set in after the operation. Mr. Loyd requested that I move the books from their home so that when Mrs. Loyd was able to return she would not feel responsible in any way for the records.

After consulting with the incoming president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. J. H. McSween, former treasurer and member of the Committee on Finance, was asked to come to Shreveport along with the elected treasurer, Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher, to complete the year's work which was due in the New York office of the Woman's Division of Christian Service by May 20, 1962.

Mrs. Loyd was in no physical condition to tender her resignation. Since we had no formal resignation, the Administrative Committee was not polled concerning the work being done by Mrs. McSween and Mrs. Gallaher since it was a matter of 25 days before Mrs. Gallaher would take office on June 1.

June 8, 1962 WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Former President

The problem of interesting small societies in sending delegates to the Annual Meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the Conference president should write a letter to the presidents of all local societies, in advance of the regular call letter, inviting them to send delegates to the Annual Meeting.

The election of Miss Arline Tyler as Conference Guild Secretary was unanimously confirmed, as required by the Conference Bylaws.

The need for a new chairman for the Louisiana Conference Advisory Committee was voiced by the President. Mrs. Jackson moved that Mrs. Watson be appointed to serve as chairman of the Louisiana Conference Advisory Committee to succeed Mrs. Kilpatrick. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick that Mrs. Watson be the selected member from the Executive Committee on the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Watson was then elected to serve as representative to the Jurisdiction Town and Country Workshop in November.

The question of a delegate to the National Seminar on Christian Social Relations on July 30 to August 9, 1963, was deferred until the Spring Meeting.

Further recommendations from the Committee on Finance were presented by Mrs. Gallaher and adopted as follows:

7. That the Historian of the Conference be allowed actual expenses for research and postage for the year 1963-64. On motion of Mrs. Kilpatrick, this **recommendation was adopted.**
8. That the Conference Secretary of Children's Work be sent to Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah in 1963 and expenses be taken from the cooperative meetings fund. On motion of Mrs. McCammon, this **recommendation was adopted.**
9. That the Conference Treasurer be authorized to add the money refunded from the 1962 tour to the amount allocated for tours in the 1963-64 budget and the total of the Conference budget adjusted accordingly. On motion by Mrs. Jackson, this **recommendation was adopted.**

The District Presidents made reports from their districts as follows:

New Orleans District: Mrs. Cahal reported that the New Orleans District Seminar was held jointly with the United Church Women. Both Youth and Children's Workshops were held at the Seminar. A district-wide meeting on Christian Social Relations was held. She stated that the difficulty of securing adequate attendance at district meetings was a problem.

Shreveport District: Mrs. Murray, in the absence of the president of this district, reported good attendance at the Seminar in Shreveport District; two fall zone meetings held to date; two new societies in the district since June 1st.

Lafayette District: Mrs .Girard reported: the organization of two societies in Lafayette District, Iota and Ivanhoe, and the loss of one, Lydia; a district seminar with 155 in attendance and 28 societies represented; ten adults from Lafayette District at School of Missions; two new Guilds, Houma and Crowley, organized.

Lake Charles District: Mrs. McGrede reported $3,845.75 sent to the Treasurer for the first quarter. The outstanding achievement in the District was a Day Apart, which had an attendance of approximately 100, with Mrs. Julia Reid Paxton as leader.

Monroe District: Mrs. Seegers reported that fall zone meeting were now in progress. The District Seminar was well attended with the presentation of Youth Work a highlight. One of the aims for Monroe District is Recruitment.

Alexandria District: Mrs. Richardson reported one new society; 33 societies out of 40 represented at Seminar; 21 from Alexandria in attendance at School of Missions; and the rezoning of Alexandria District into four zones instead of five.

Ruston District: Mrs. Aycock reported increased attendance at zone, district and annual meetings. Two hundred attended Seminar. The District met its pledge for the first time in four years. She stated that a weakness in the Woman's Society, on a local as well as a district level, is that the women do not have an overall picture of the work of the Woman's Society. It affects giving and loyalty to the program as a whole.

Baton Rouge District: Mrs. James reported spring zone meetings used for officer training very successful, with joint zone meetings in some cases; 7 from Baton Rouge District at School of Missions; 29 societies represented at Annual Meeting; the largest attendance ever at Seminar; a well-attended Day Apart in September, with Dr. Trice as leader; one society ready to reorganize; 3 new Guilds organized; excellent cooperation between Woman's Society and Guild. She stated that many small societies are carrying a big load of the expense in the local church. District officers go out in teams to give assistance to local societies in the district.

In a report on **Wesley Foundation** work, Mrs. Girard reported that according to the Reverend Allen Jernigan, the Woman's Division is by degrees withdrawing its financial support from the Wesley Foundations by reducing it $200.00 each year. At the University of Southwestern, there are 450 Methodist students, but attendance at the Methodist Student Center is small. She stated that Miss Polly Lassiter, Deaconess, interviewed eight USL students who are interested in Christian vocations in a recent visit to the campus.

Mrs. Thomas reported that Miss Lassiter was currently itinerating all the college campuses in Louisiana for the Woman's Division, for the purpose of discussing Christian Vocation possibilties with the students.

Mrs. Richardson reported a new Wesley Foundation in the Alexandria District, on the Alexandria campus of the Louisiana State University. The Reverend Richard Hoffpauir, pastor of Palestine Methodist Church, is the director.

Stating that some conferences send Methodist magazines to college campuses, Mrs. Kilpatrick moved that, from the miscellaneous fund, money be allocated to send a subscription for **World Outlook** and **The Methodist Woman** to Wesley Foundations not now receiving them, and that the Secretary of Student Work look into this. **Motion carried.**

A letter was read from Mr. John Howe, Director of MacDonell Methodist Center, expressing a need for a Christian couple for employment at this institution.

It was reported that Homer Toberman Settlement in San Pedro, where Mrs. Louise Mitchell Larsen from Louisiana is director, celebrates its 25th anniversary in November. The Executive Committee voted to send a message to Homer Toberman Settlement on this occasion.

From St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, Mrs. Gallaher brought the report of need for a swimming pool at Camp St. Mark's.

Mrs. Nordyke expressed a need for the Secretary of Missionary Service to know whether or not the local societies are remembering our workers, deaconesses and missionaries on special days. She recommended that the Conference Secretary of Missionary Education send a request in her next letter to the local secretaries of missionary education that the number of letters and cards sent to the worker adopted by each society be included in the period reports. She moved adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Reporting for the Committee on Journal, Mrs. McGowan stated that insofar as the minutes were written at the time of examination, they were found correct.

Mrs. Giessen reported that plans for the youth in attendance at 1963 School of Missions are that they be brought to the School on Sunday afternoon, rather than on Monday as usual, in order that they might have a time of fellowship before the opening of School of Missions.

Mrs. Dameron announced that the Board of Control of Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah has voted to transfer this property to the Western Methodist Assembly, which owns the remainder of the property on the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly grounds.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Giessen read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Committee on Resolutions expresses deep gratitude for every courtesy extended during the Mid-year Meeting, October 23-24, 1962, at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church;

To Mrs. Ivan Butterfield and other members of Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church who did everything possible to make our stay comfortable and happy;

To the Reverend Byrl Moreland, Mrs. Joe Eckard and other members of Trinity Methodist Church and to Mrs. Fred Richards and other members of the First Methodist Church, Pineville, Woman's Society of Christian Service, for a delicious meal and other courtesies;

To Mrs. S. E. Richardson and other members of the Alexandria District Woman's Society of Christian Service who extended such a warm welcome to us and served as our district hostess as well as providing a delectable meal;

To Mrs. T. C. Young and ladies from Wesley Methodist Church, Mrs. J. H. Thomas and ladies from St. Paul Methodist Church, Mrs. H. B. Staples and ladies from Alexandria First Methodist Church and to our gracious host Society at Horseshoe Drive Methodist Church for their generous hospitality at our coffee breaks;

To Mrs. Eloi Girard a special word of appreciation for the lovely camellia blossoms which brought a breath of spring into our midst;

To the Reverend Louis Coppage for his inspirational message which set the tone for our meeting;

To Mrs. D'Maris J. Beck who served so efficiently as chairman of the local housing committee and to the many hostesses who so kindly opened their homes to us;

To Candy Stewart of 1427 Ransbottom Drive, Alexandria, for her delightful report on the 1962 Louisiana Conference Mission Tour;

To Mrs. Alfred Knox from the **Louisiana Methodist** for fine coverage of our meeting.

It was gratifying to be assured of a personal interest in our work by the presence of our host District Superintendent, the Reverend Fred Flurry; the pastor of the First Methodist Church, the Reverend Dr. Guy Hicks; and the devoted husband of our beloved President, the Reverend George W. Dameron. Such interest is greatly appreciated.

To all who helped in any way to make the meeting a rich Christian fellowship we express our sincere appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. Charles H. Giessen
Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke

To close the meeting, Mrs. Dameron led in a service of worship and prayer, using verses from the twelfth chapter of Romans as the scripture and closing with a prayer from Mrs. Ernst Scholz of Berlin, Germany, President of World Federation of Methodist Women.

Approved: Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. M. Eloi Girard

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. George H. Thomas,
Recording Secretary

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 12, 1963

The Spring Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:10 A.M., March 12, 1963, in the Educational Building of First Methodist Church, Monroe. The President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presided.

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Those present were: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, M. R. Tatum, Geo. H. Thomas, Carl Gallaher, S. B. Dampier, J. B. Mouton, Sr., Warren Orr, Wideman Watson, C. R. McCammon, Glen R. Nordyke, Sr., B. F. Patterson, Jr., T. Haller Jackson, John L. Howe, Jr., C. B. McGowan, Charles H. Giessen, Glenn E. Laskey, Lee Tidwell, L. B. Kilpatrick, J. H. McSween, S. E. Richardson, J. E. McCampbell, A. R. Scheffer, T. Luster James, W. W. Hyde, W. A. Ragan, M. Eloi Girard, A. J. McGrede, A. H. Harper, P. L. Foreman, R. R. Cahal, W. G. Johnston, Max L. Clayton, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, Cecil Read, W. D. Snelling, J. R. Kavanaugh, J. W. Murray, Jr. Mrs. Warren Orr was appointed to send appropriate messages to those absent.

Mrs. Dampier stated that Mrs. H. R. White had found it necessary to resign as Secretary of Promotion for the Monroe District and that she would finish out the work of this year for Mrs. White. Mrs. E. E. James, a nominee for this office, was introduced.

Mrs. Dameron led in a worship service of preparation for the work ahead, emphasizing the thought that "The final dimension of Christian prayer is readiness to be used, the knowledge that life is 'lent to be spent.' "

Mrs. Dameron announced that the business meeting would be completed in one day, rather than reconvening on the following morning as planned. Committee meetings and rehearsals were announced. She requested that all motions made from the floor be written out and handed to the Secretary.

Mrs. Laskey moved that greetings be sent to the Southwest Texas Conference Woman's Society, which was in session at this time. Motion carried. Mrs. Carl Gallaher was appointed to send a telegram.

The President requested that the Executive Committee assemble in the Prayer Room on Wednesday immediately preceding the opening of the Annual Meeting.

Correspondence was read by the Recording Secretary. Following the reading of a letter from Miss Kathleen Gates, Mrs. Dameron announced that Miss Gates has been accepted by the Woman's Division as a Deaconess candidate. Mrs. McSween, asking for personal privilege, expressed her thanks for the Bible presented to her by the Executive Committee.

The President appointed as the Committee on Journal: Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Howe.

Mrs. Laskey brought a report from the meeting of the Woman's Division in Cincinnati. As a result of the "Take a Look" check of societies made in 1960, in which fifty per cent of the societies participated, it was found that only half the women of Methodism belong to the Woman's Society or the Guild. The membership loss in the United States last year was over 100,000. Realizing a very serious lack of Christian Literature in many countries, the Woman's Division has pledged $500,000.00, over a five year period, to an ecumenical program of Christian literature production, in 54 countries, by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, an agency of the National Council of Churches. Of all the literature of the world, more comes from the Communist press than from any other—either secular or religious. The Woman's Division has voted authorization for every conference president and treasurer to go to New York in September, 1963, at the expense of the Woman's Division, to help plan the observance of the 25th anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild in 1965. A study of purpose is being made in the Division, with a view to formulating a statement of purpose more relevant to the needs and role of Methodist women in the world today. Per capita giving in 1961-1962 was $6.70. Twenty-four new Methodist missionaries and deaconesses were commissioned at the meeting in Cincinnati. More will be consecrated during the coming year in annual conferences. The 100th year of the Emancipation Proclamation will be observed throughout Methodism this year. Three new leaflets are being printed for use of the local societies—one for use by the clergy, one to challenge increased generous contributions for missions, and one to interpret the program and outreach of the Woman's Society and Guild for new members. The Woman's Division voted to contribute $150,000 per year for five years to help bring National College up to standard. It lacks accreditation on two scores — (1) insufficient endowment, (2) library not up to standard. The retirement in August, 1963, of Miss Elizabeth Stinson from Louisiana, Secretary of Missionary Education for the Woman's Division, was announced.

Mrs. Tidwell, Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion, spoke of the Jurisdiction's concern over loss of membership. She met with a committee in New York to consider what can be done about it. This Jurisdiction was asked to try a pilot project, about which more will be heard. The course on the Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been brought up to date. It is suggested that local societies make use of this. The guide for this study is available for twenty-five cents. It is being requested that every society visit every Methodist woman this year. If the unreached potential can be reached, growth will be assured.

Mrs. Dameron stated that plans to carry out these requests could be made at the officer training session in Alexandria, May 1st and 2nd.

The members of the Executive Committee were guests at a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, a courtesy of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of four Monroe Methodist churches: Gordon Avenue, St. Mark's, Southside, and Stone Avenue. Mrs. Dameron presented the pastor and the Woman's Society president of each of the hostess churches; the Reverend George Harbuck, Pastor of First Methodist Church, and Mrs. Harbuck; Mrs. D. V. Loflin, President of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church. Mrs. Thomas Pitt Chairman of the Committee for Executive Entertainment, and the hostesses for the luncheon were presented, with an expression of thanks for the courtesies of the day.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Tuesday afternoon session began at 1:25 P.M. with a prayer led by Mrs. Howe.

It was voted that messages be sent from the Executive Committee as follows: to Mrs. D. B. Boddie, who had attended 40 consecutive Annual Meetings, but could not attend this one because of a broken hip; to Mrs. Herbert Loyd, former Treasurer, who is recuperating from a serious illness; and to Miss Elizabeth Stinson, birthday greetings. Mrs. Warren Orr and Mrs. Carl Gallaher were appointed to send these messages.

The President called for reports of officers and secretaries of lines of work.

Vice-President: Mrs. M. R. Tatum stated that the program book for 1961-1962 has as its theme "Witness through Service." It will contain four blocks of undated programs: 1. Special Programs 2. Missions 3. Witness 4. Know Your Church. Eight societies in the South Central Jurisdiction were chosen to use Experimental programs planned for young mothers. One society from Louisiana will use these programs. The evaluations of these programs will be sent to Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Vice-President of the Woman's Division, by June 1st. The information gained will be used to plan future programs.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Thomas read the minutes of the Administrative Committee actions since the Mid-Year Meeting. (See page 21 of the Twenty-Third Annual Report.) She moved their adoption. Motion carried.

Correction for the minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting as circulated were read by the Secretary. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

Treasurer: Mrs. Carl Gallaher gave the report of the first three quarters, 1962-63, as follows:

Cash in Whitney National Bank and Loan Associations May 20, 1962	$ 14,839.82
Receipts:	120,852.64
Total to Account for	$135,692.46
Disbursements:	$116,414.26
Cash in Whitney National Bank and Loan Associations February 20, 1963	19,278.20
Total to Account for	$135,692.46

Children's Work: Mrs. Dampier attended the Conference Children's Workers' Council in Bunkie, December 11th and 12th, and the Meeting of the Migrant Ministry on February 28th. Plans have been made for the school for the migrants to be held again this year with Mrs. Overbey in charge. There is excellent cooperation between the secretaries and directors of Children's Work as they strive to make the children's program an active part of the Church program. There is a need for more secretaries of children's work in local societies. Giving on the Children's Service Fund is still low. Plans are being made for special training in the new curriculum in the Louisiana Conference. Dates for the summer Conference of Children's Workers are July 1-2, 1963. In the field of cooperation between Church and Woman's Society, she recommended having district secretaries of children's work serve as sub-district directors of children's work in their districts, when such service is needed. This recommendation was approved.

The President of Ruston District, Mrs. Aycock, announced that the Ruston District Superintendent has listed her as one to be called in when the district calendar is set up.

Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Mouton presented a chart showing the work of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. The official organ of this Board, **Contact and Concern,** may be obtained from 100 Maryland Avenue,

Washington, D. C. It is recommended for study. She stated that a seminar on United Nations will be held in Shreveport on April 26-27, under the sponsorship of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and recommended that district secretaries of Christian Social Relations be sent to this meeting. It has been recommended that the new Charter on Racial Policies be given special attention and study in the local society, in order that individuals may form their own Christian opinion on this question. Members were urged to keep themselves informed about candidates and issues in our national, state, and local elections and to promote interest in voting. She urged cooperation with United Church Women to bring about greater results than working alone would bring. In communities where there is a Council of United Church Women, the Woman's Society of Christian Service is automatically a member. The possible establishment of a Louisiana Council of Churches is being planned and is to be presented at Annual Conference in June.

The President expressed appreciation to Mrs. Laskey for her statement about the National Council of Churches in the **Louisiana Methodist,** a statement made jointly with Dr. Keith Mason.

Secretary of Literature: Mrs. Orr called attention to the fact that the official title of this office no longer contains the words "and Publications." The April **World Outlook** is the Board of Missions issue. A copy is sent to every Methodist pastor. Books and material of importance in the literature room for the Annual Meeting were emphasized.

Secretary of Missionary Education: Mrs. Watson called attention to the fact that a complete listing of the courses, textbooks and other information concerning the Louisiana Conference School of Missions and Christian Service was in the delegates' packet. The Pattern of Attendance for 1963, as printed in the Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society should have the following changes made: delete the recording secretary and the secretary of children's work and add the secretary of supply work. A flier with texts, guides, study material, names of teachers, registration card and application blanks for youth delegates will be mailed to each society and Guild Unit in the conference about June 1, 1963. The dates for Jurisdiction School of Missions are June 24-29, 1963.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCammon reported that progress is being made in the field of recruitment. The Woman's Division has accepted Miss Kathleen Gates as a candidate, and there are others in the offing. There seems to be a growing awareness of the urgent need for dedicated young people—and older, as well, who will devote themselves to full-time service under the direction of the church. Miss Merry Fife represented the Louisiana Conference at the Christian Vocations Week-End held in Kansas City in October. Louisiana will be privileged to send two delegates in 1963, if such can be financed. The Committee on Finance was requested to consider whether or not the Conference Woman's Society can finance the sending of these two delegates. Cooperation has been extended in all possible ways to the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations, and there are plans for further implementing this cooperation within the districts and in local churches. Another youth tour is planned for the summer of 1963.

Mrs. Kilpatrick expressed the appreciation of the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations for the cooperation and work of the Woman's Society. She stated that the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry was very fine with high interest shown. Mrs. Kilpatrick urged that the Commission on Christian Vocation be organized in all local churches. Where this is not possible, the concern of even one person will be of help.

Secretary of Missionary Service: Mrs. Nordyke had no report.

Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. Patterson spoke of the planned itineration of Miss Jennie Mo Horton for the annual district meetings. District officers are to present the total program of the Woman's Division, according

to their own plans, at these meetings. She asked for suggestions for the District Officer Training session to be held in Alexandria, May 1 and 2. She expressed concern over the loss in membership in the Conference.

Secretary of Spiritual Life: Mrs. Jackson called attention to a change in terminology — the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial will, in the future, be known as the **Call** to Prayer and Self-Denial. One of the teachers in the Louisiana Conference School of Missions will be Mrs. Cecil Matthews, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life, who will also assist in the spiritual life clinic. She urged that all local societies study John Wesley's **Book of Romans** during this 225th anniversary of Aldersgate, and called attention to **"Awakening at Aldersgate,"** on sale in the book room.

Secretary of Student Work: Mrs. Howe stressed the need of having secretaries of student work who are vitally interested in students. She spoke of plans for a 1963 summer workshop at Dulac Methodist Community Center for 12 students from Louisiana. Application blanks will be available through Wesley Foundation or Dulac Methodist Community Center.

Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that The Methodist Children's Home in Ruston and St. Mark's Community Center are also participating in a summer work program. Information about these may be obtained from Miss Norma Garlington, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe.

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. McGowan stated that more than ¾ of the Supply Work askings assigned to the Louisiana Conference are paid, the askings of two of the institutions having been met in full. The Christmas-in-August gifts amounted to $809.51, which was sent to the institutions on the home field assigned to Louisiana. With a quota of 55,000 Red Scissors Coupons for the year, 30,254 have been received to date. Money received from these coupons is used to help the St. Mark's Community Center Camp.

Secretary of Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen spoke of the summer youth program and stated that district secretaries of youth work are trying to work closely with district directors of youth work. The World Friendship Group, originally for girls only, has been broadened in scope. As an Interest Group, it will now include boys, with the purpose of enlarging interest in missions among youth. The secretary of youth work will continue to serve as a resource person. A new program book has been published.

The outstanding achievements of the districts were reported by the district presidents as follows:

Alexandria District: Mrs. Richardson reported a new Wesley Foundation, which was organized at L.S.U., Alexandria. Kathleen Gates, a candidate just accepted by the Woman's Division, is from this district. Each year, for the past three years, ballots for the election of officers have contained two nominees for each office, the consent of each nominee having been secured.

Baton Rouge District: Mrs. James told of a very successful missionary tour, organized by the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Thirty-six young people and four adults went on the tour.

Lafayette District: Mrs. Girard stated that Lockport Woman's Society is being reorganized. Membership and recruitment are being stressed in the district.

From 3:30 P.M. to 3:55 P.M. there was a recess for coffee.

Lake Charles District: Mrs. McGrede reported that Miss Carol Wood, from Wesley Church, DeRidder, plans to be a foreign medical missionary. She is now a student at Centenary College.

Monroe District: Mrs. Seegers stated that all churches in the district had cooperated in preparing for the current Annual Meeting. Miss Mary Edith McKisson from Gilbert, in Monroe District, is planning to go into a church related vocation. Miss Nell Coulter, of Monroe, is now working in Miss Mary Lou Barnwell's office in New York.

New Orleans District: Mrs. Cahal reported a successful Christian Vocations Clinic in New Orleans under the direction of the Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Two foreign misionaries on furlough are currently visiting in New Orleans: Miss Edna Floy Brown, ex-missionary to Sarawak, and Miss Elma Ashby, missionary to Africa. Visitation throughout the district with film strips from Assembly has had excellent results.

Ruston District: Mrs. Aycock stated that fall zone meetings stressed membership, programming, and work of the committee on finance, with excellent attendance at meetings. Spring zone meetings will feature officer training, following district officer training in Alexandria. Miss Gale Hesbeck, a delegate to Mt. Sequoyah in the summer of 1962, has definite plans for full time service.

Shreveport District: Mrs. Snelling reported that films of the Sixth Assembly were shown at zone meetings, which had good attendance. The district plans for children's work and youth work to have their own seminar in the coming year.

Mrs. Laskey asked for special privilege, which was granted. She stated that election for delegates to General Conference takes place at Annual Conference in June. There is no person in the whole church who knows the work of the church better than the president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. The only way that she can be elected is for delegates to Annual Conference to see that her name is on the ballot and vote for her as a member of the lay delegation.

Mrs. Howe moved that the Executive Committee recommend that an announcement be made in the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society informing those in attendance of the election at Annual Conference of lay delegates to General Conference and asking societies to give prayerful consideration to speaking to their church lay delegate about the inclusion of the Conference President of the Woman's Society in that delegation. **Motion carried.**

Town and Country Work: Mrs. Watson reported that she and Mrs. Martha Overbey attended the Jurisdictional Town and Country Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah, November 13-15, 1962. Each Conference in the Jurisdiction had a display of its work. From this workshop was gained a greater understanding of the methods used in this work and of the role the Conference Town and Country Commission can play in assisting in local areas.

Reporting for the **Louisiana Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work,** Mrs. Watson stated that two areas in the Ruston District were found to need a Church and Community worker. The Reverend Luman Douglas, Superintendent of Ruston District, is to meet with the ministers in these areas to investigate the need and decide to which area a worker should be sent. A check list from the Woman's Division for a local area making request for a Church and Community Worker is in the hands of the Reverend Douglas.

Mrs. J. H. McSween gave the report for the **Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices for Town and Country Work,** of which Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. Richardson were members. The policies and practices suggested by this committee for the guidance of Church and Community Workers within the Louisiana Conference were **adopted** and filed with the Conference Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work.

Mrs. McSween brought the following report from the Alexandria District Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work: Mrs. Overbey, Church and Community Worker, has been in the Urania Area since June 1, 1962. Reports of the work as given by the ministers and members of the Committee have been most satisfactory. They are pleased with the cooperation and response to the programs being advanced. At the last meeting of the Advisory Committee it was unanimously voted to ask for the return of Mrs. Overbey to the Urania Area for another year. It was requested that Mrs. Irene Johnston, Public Welfare Worker, living in Tullos, and Mr. Warren

Constant, District Lay Leader, Bunkie, be added to the District Advisory Committee. Mrs. Overbey has been released from her work in Urania Area for six weeks, beginning April 8th, to participate in the Migrant Program at Tickfaw, Louisiana, again this year.

Mrs. McSween moved that the recommendation of the District Advisory Committee that Mrs. Overbey be returned to the Urania Area for another year be adopted. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. McCammon expressed appreciation for the cooperation given by everyone, in making plans for the Annual Meeting, and mentioned a few details about the schedule for the meeting.

The President appointed Mrs. Patterson to serve as assistant to the Recording Secretary for the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Laskey distributed copies of proposed changes in the Conference Bylaws and moved their adoption. **Motion carried.** (See Journal of Annual Meeting, page 66.)

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. McGowan called attention to the fact that the following officers and secretaries of lines of work will have to be elected at the 1964 Annual Meeting: vice-president, recording secretary, and secretaries of Christian Social Relations, literature, missionary education, promotion, spiritual life, and supply. She requested that recommendations for nominees be made to the Committee on Nominatoins, after securing the permission of the nominee for her name to be submitted.

Mrs. Watson, who is a member of the **Jurisdiction** Committee on Nominations, requested that names for nominees to Jurisdiction offices or lines of work be sent to her. The president and secretaries of promotion and missionary education, having completed their terms of office, will not be eligible for re-election, but, since every office and line of work will be open for election, as many nominees as possible should be suggested. It was noted that someone from Louisiana Conference has been a Jurisdiction officer or secretary of line of work since the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. McSween gave a listing of those who would write articles for the June issue of the paper which will carry publicity for the Conference School of Missions. Articles should be limited to 200 or 250 words. She voiced concern as to whether the time, effort, and money expended on the paper is justified in the use it receives, and requested that this be discussed at the district officer training session in Alexandria on May 1-2, and that information about the **Louisiana Conference News** be brought to the district meetings.

Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Places: Mrs. Mouton stated that the place for the Mid-Year meeting has not yet been decided. The 1964 Annual Meeting will be in Lafayette, March 11-13, 1964.

Special Committee on Literature Room for School of Missions: Mrs. Patterson reported that the committee is at work and, by May 1st, will send to Mrs. Orr names of those who are to assist in the literature room at School of Missions.

Committee on Special Memberships: Mrs. Gallaher reported for the committee. Following discussion of a proposed motion and amendment to same, the original motion made by Mrs. Gallaher was amended to read:

A retiring conference officer or secretary of line of work who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a special membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount of such gifts to be determined by the Committee on Finance. This was adopted and later incorporated in the recommendations of the Committee on Finance.

At 5:55 P.M. the meeting was recessed for dinner, which was served in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Methodist Church as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of this Church and the Executive Committee of Monroe District. The Reverend Ben R. Oliphint, host pastor, returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron presented the Reverend Oliphint and Mrs. Oliphint, Mrs. Thomas Pitt, president of St. Paul's Woman's Society, Mrs. E. R. Haug, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Miss Louise Sharp, and Mrs. Carl Brunson. The hostess committee was introduced, with an expression of appreciation for their gracious hospitality.

TUESDAY EVENING

The meeting was continued in the church parlor of St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kilpatrick brought a recommendation: That we express approval of the joint statements relative to the National Council of Churches made by the two delegates from the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Dr. L. Keith Mason, to the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches as published in the March 7, 1963, issue of **The Louisiana Methodist;** that we express our appreciation for their dedicated leadership; that the President appoint a committee to draw up the statement to be mailed to the Editor of **The Louisiana Methodist,** Alfred A. Knox, and copies be sent to Mrs. Laskey and Dr. Mason; that the committee have the statement prepared to be read at the executive committee meeting. Mrs. Kilpatrick moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Tatum were appointed by the President to draw up the statement indicated in the above recommendation, and to present it to the Executive Committee at its meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Committees for the Annual Meeting were named by the President: **Evaluation:** Mrs. Lee Tidwell, chairman; Mrs. Gilbert Bandell, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Luther Booth, Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., Mrs. Earlis Massey. **Resolutions,** Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Chairman; Mrs. James A. Trickett, Mrs. H. B. Wiggers, Sr., Mrs. T. M. Ellis. **Tellers:** Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman. **Counting Tellers:** Mrs. A. H. Harper, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. V. W. Cothren, Mrs. Ralph Lee, Mrs. Glenn Kelley, Mrs. Stanley C. Burgess. **Distributing Tellers:** Mrs. Lawrence King, Mrs. R. J. Lancaster, Mrs. Thomas D. Clark, Mrs. F. V. Barnett, Mrs. L. C. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Rosett. **Journal:** Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. John Howe.

For the National Christian Social Relations Seminar at Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, in August, 1963, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., was elected delegate and Mrs. Wiley Gardner was elected as the alternate.

To fill two existing vacancies on the Board of Sager Brown Home and Godman School, Mrs. T. Luster James was nominated to serve as member-at-large, and Mrs. Shirley Ellender was nominated to serve as a member from the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society.

For the state meeting of the United Council of Church Women in Hammond, March 26-27, 1963, Mrs. T. Luster James was elected as delegate. Mrs. Dameron, as Conference president, is automatically a delegate.

Mrs. Jackson reported for the committee appointed to prepare a statement of the relationship of the Woman's Society to other Conference boards and agencies for the Pre-Conference Report. This committee made a complete study and analysis of the objectives and goals of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and its relationship to other Conference agencies, in response to the recommendation made by the Area Council that such a study be made during the 1962-1963 Conference year.

The report contained the following recommendation: Because there has frequently been only one woman serving on some of the various boards, commissions, and committees (within the Conference), it is recommended that consideration be given to the appointment of at least one other woman

as a lay member of these local, district, and conference bodies on which one member of the Woman's Society serves by virtue of her office. It is believed the presence of another woman would be welcome and helpful. Mrs. Jackson moved that this recommendation be accepted for the Pre-Conference report. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron stated that all South Central Jurisdiction officers and secretaries of lines of work and each conference in the Jurisdiction have been invited to draft a statement for the book that is to be prepared as a gift for Miss Elizabeth Stinson on her retirement in August, 1963. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Tatum were appointed to work on such a statement for the Louisiana Conference and to be prepared to submit it to the Executive Committee for their approval and signatures at the time of the District Officer Training session in Alexandria, May 1 and 2, 1963. In addition, Mrs. Dameron requested that the School of Missions Committee discuss an appropriate gift for Miss Stinson.

Special reports were received at this time.

Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation: Mrs. McGowan reported that at a board meeting of this organization Dr. Earl Hotalen expressed his concern over the decrease in contributions from the Methodist women to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Mrs. Dameron urged that members of societies be encouraged to give to the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation as individuals.

Louisiana Organization for State Legislation: Mrs. McGowan spoke briefly of the work of this organization, stating that the members are interested in the promotion of Christian legislation. Mrs. C. C. Harvey, Methodist, is the new president of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation.

Centenary College: Mrs. Kilpatrick spoke of the needs of Centenary College, of the projected development campaign approved by the Louisiana Conference, and of how Centenary College has helped the Church. One hundred and five ministers, now in the conference, are from Centenary. Fifty-one have gone into church-related vocations. On the campus now are 19 students who are committed to the ministry, 11 who are considering the missionary field, 9 in religious education, 8 church music, 1 deaconess, 3 social workers. Centenary College needs the financial support and the interest and concern of all the Methodists throughout the Conference.

Mrs. Laskey brought a report from the Board meeting of Sager Brown Home and Godman School. Quoting Dr. Evelyn Berry, Executive Secretary of Educational Institutions for the Division, she stated that there were more Negro students in residence at this school than at any other such school in the United States. Children come from all over the South to make a home there. Dr. Berry hopes to be able to secure funds for a proposed new school room and staff cottage. During the past year a library was begun at the school, and is in great need of books.

Mrs. Laskey submitted a recommendation, jointly with Mrs. Dameron, that the Woman's Society sponsor the giving of the price of a book for the library, per society. She moved that this recommendation be accepted. **Motion carried.** Much discussion followed as to how such gifts would be channeled. On motion of Mrs. Kilpatrick that a committee be appointed to decide how to handle the money for books for the Sager-Brown School library, the President appointed Mrs. Gallaher, chairman, Mrs. J. H. McSween, and Mrs. Charles B. McGowan to bring a recommendation on this to the meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the Annual meeting.

At 9:15 P.M. the meeting recessed for 45 minutes, for individual committee meetings. It reconvened at 10:15 P.M.

Committee on Annual Report: Mrs. Thomas read the report of a special committee, composed of Mrs. McSween, Mrs. Dameron, and Mrs. Thomas, which was appointed to draw up rules for writing material for the Annual

Report. Mrs. Thomas read the proposed rules and moved their adoption. **Motion carried.** The adopted Rules for Writing Material for the Annual Report were filed with the Committee on Annual Report.

Mrs. Thomas gave a report on the cost of printing the bylaws separately. Mrs. Patterson moved that we continue printing bylaws as was done formerly. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon called attention to the report on Tours in the delegates' packets. The 1963 youth tour will be in July, with Miss Louise Sharp as director. The charge will be $75.00 per tour member.

Miss Sharp was presented. She requested that individuals who apply for the tour be carefully screened. A rising vote of thanks was given Miss Sharp for her excellent work on the 1962 tour.

Mrs. Patterson brought the following recommendations from the District Presidents and Secretaries of Promotion:

1. That a copy of all mailings sent by conference officers and secretaries of lines of work to local societies be mailed to each zone leader.
2. That, in the interest of improving attendance of local societies at the Annual Meeting, the letter from the Conference President to local presidents be repeated and followed with one from district presidents, and that each zone leader work in her area in a more personal basis, such as giving aid in planning transportation.

Mrs. Patterson moved adoption of these recommendations. **Motion carried.**

School of Missions Committee: Mrs. Mouton brought the following recommendations from the School of Missions Committee. 1. That the officers for the 1964 School of Missions be as follows: Secretary, Mrs. Charles Giessen; Dean, Mrs. Glen Nordyke; Chairman, Mrs. Wideman Watson. 2. That Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., who will direct the Bible Hour for 1963 School of Missions, be selected to attend Jurisdiction School of Missions. 3. That Mrs. Nordyke select the missionary or deaconess to attend Jurisdiction School of Missions. 4. That the school cooperate with the request of the members of the Louisiana team on the Quadrennial Emphasis of "Our Mission Today" by presenting this study two nights during the school, and that Mrs. McCammon work out outline and technique. 5. That the third night be used to present the material of the four studies. 6. That the offering usually taken for missions be used to honor Miss Elizabeth Stinson, retiring Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Division, a native of Louisiana.

Mrs. Watson moved the adoption of the recommendations from the School of Missions Committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hyde read recommendations from the Committee on Finance as follows:

1. That the money refunded from the 1962 tour be returned to the cultivation fund and a sum up to $450.00 be allowed for the expense of the 1963 Mission tour.
2. That a supplementary gift of $3,300.00 be made to supplement the salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey for the 1963-1964 conference year, this sum to be taken from the anticipated overpayment on pledge to missions for 1962-1963. If the overpayment on pledge does not reach $3,300.00 the amount shall be supplemented with money from the special supply account for Town and Country Work.
3. That in order to bring the item designated for Conference Director of Youth Work back to $600.00 the following changes in the Conference budget for 1963-64 be made: (1) Officers' expenses $1400 instead of $1500. (2) Miscellaneous $675 instead of $775. (3) Conference School of Missions $1,300 instead of $1,400. (4) Conference Youth Director $600.00 instead of $300.00.
4. That we allow the expense of two delegates to the Jurisdiction Christian Vocation Weekend October 18, 19, 20, 1963, in Kansas City.

5. That a retiring conference officer or secretary of line of work who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a special membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance. This shall be made a standing rule.

Mrs. Gallaher moved the adoption of these recommendations from the Committee on Finance. Motion carried.

Mrs. Giessen reported on plans for youth at School of Missions. She requested help from the Executive Committee in the selection of qualified youth and in planning their transportation.

At 11:00 P.M. Mrs. Dameron closed the meeting with an excerpt from a letter written by Mrs. Elisa P. Ocera from the Philippines, closing with the words, "The message of the Christ which is abundant life, not death, salvation not annihilation, is the answer to the problem of the world."

At noon, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, a former recording secretary of the Conference was hostess at a luncheon for the Executive Committee, held at the Bayou DeSiard Country Club.

Approved:
Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President
Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas
Recording Secretary

Twenty-Third Annual Meeting

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THEME: "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles"

Wednesday, March 13, 1963

AFTERNOON SESSION

"As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." John 17:18

1:45 Organ Prelude—"Meditation" _____ Olroyd
Theme Hymn—"The Voice of God Is Calling" _____ No. 454

2:00 Convening of the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting_Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Opening Worship _____ Mrs. S. A. Seegers, President Monroe District
Welcome _____ Mrs. D. V. Loflin, President Woman's Society, First Methodist Church
Introduction of Local Committee Chairmen _____ Mrs. C. J. Turpin

2:30 Order of Business:
Presentation of Program _____ Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman
Report of Recording Secretary _____ Mrs. George H. Thomas
Recommendations from the Executive Committee
Appointment of Committees
Report of Treasurer _____ Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Announcements

3:00 President's Message ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
"To Every Time a Purpose"
Hymn—"Father in Heaven Who Lovest All" ..... No. 294
3:30 Recognition of 75th Anniversary of Deaconess Movement ---
"We Heed, O Lord, Thy Summons" ..... Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke
4:15 Benediction ..... Miss Fae Daves
6:00 Fellowship Dinner ..... Frances Hotel
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

7:45 Organ Prelude—"Adagio from Oratorio" ..... Handel
Hymn—"God of Our Fathers" ..... No. 496
Scripture and Prayer ..... Reverend George W. Harbuck
Offertory—"Elegy" ..... Darke
Anthem—"Let All the World In Every Corner Sing" ..... Chapman
Choir, First Methodist Church
Address ..... Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick
"The Arms of Love That Compass Me"
Benediction ..... Bishop Aubrey G. Walton

Thursday, March 14

8:00 Coffee Corner, Courtesy Woman's Societies of Memorial and St. Mark's Methodist Churches

MORNING SESSION

"A wide door for effective work has opened to me."
I Corinthians 16:9

8:45 Organ Prelude—"When Thou Art Near" ..... Bach
Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign" ..... No. 479
Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. Helen Harris
9:15 Balloting, Board of Missions Nominees
9:45 "Send Us Upon Thine Errands" ..... Conference Officers
Written by Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
Directed by Mrs. Pat Thompson
Hymn—"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" ..... No. 288
11:00 Address ..... Miss Caroline A. Porter
"The Deaconess, Called, Confronted, Compelled"
11:45 Courtesies ..... Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
12:00 Solo—"O Divine Redeemer" ..... Gounod
Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple
Noon Day Meditation ..... Miss Allene Ford
"As Among the Methodists"
Benediction
12:45 Aldersgate Luncheon ..... Frances Hotel
Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 Organ Prelude—"Choral Prelude" ..... Rowley
Hymn—"Spirit of Faith Come Down" ..... No. 183
Prayer ..... Miss Patricia Gibson
Solo—"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" ..... Liddle
Eugene Smith
Address ..... Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
"What Happened to John Wesley at Aldersgate Street"
Hymn—"O For a Heart to Praise My God" ..... No. 370
Benediction ..... Miss Wilma Snare

3:00 Visits to Project Exhibits ---------- Educational Building

6:00 Citizenship Dinner ---------- Frances Hotel
Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Presiding
Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Speaker

6:00 Youth Dinner ---------- First Methodist Church, West Monroe
Mrs. Charles Giessen, Presiding
"Pearl Traders" ---------- Miss Allene Ford

EVENING SESSION

7:45 Organ Prelude—"Communion" ---------- Purvis
Hymn—"O Zion Haste" ---------- No. 475
Scripture and Prayer ---------- Reverend Edward R. Haug
Offertory—"Cantilena" ---------- Rheinberger
Solo—"The Cross" ---------- Ware
Mrs. Eloise Anspach
Address—"The Lord Will Whistle" ---------- Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick
Hymn—"The Voice of God Is Calling" ---------- No. 454
Pledge Service—"Let There Be Light" ---------- Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Mrs. Edwin J. Barksdale, Soloist
Benediction ---------- Reverend Charles Strong

Friday, March 15

MORNING SESSION

"Go therefore and make disciples - - - "
Matthew 28:19a

8:00 Coffee Corner, Courtesy of Woman's Societies of Southside and Stone Avenue Methodist Churches

8:45 Organ Prelude—"Largo" ---------- Tartini
Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us" ---------- No. 233
Scripture and Prayer ---------- Miss Rosie Ann Cobb
Order of Business:
Recommendations
Report of Committees
Report of Registration
Place of Meeting for 1964
Resolutions

9:30 "Take Up Thy Cross" ---------- District Reports
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Presiding
Hymn—"Am I A Soldier of the Cross" ---------- No. 284

10:15 "Teach Us Thy Will and Way" ---------- Young People
Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Presiding
Guild Hymn

11:15 Wesleyan Service Guild Report ---------- Miss Arline Tyler

11:30 Solo—"Eternal Life" ---------- Dungan
Mrs. Estelle Sanders
Noon Day Meditation ---------- Miss Allene Ford
"The Mighty Acts of God"
Holy Communion
Benediction

12:45 Buffet Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, Courtesy of Zones II and IV of the Monroe District

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Louisiana Conference

Monroe, Louisiana March 13, 14, 15, 1963

The twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service opened at 1:50 P.M., March 13, 1963, in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, with Mrs. G. W. Dameron, president, presiding. Following the organ prelude, "Meditation" by Olroyd, with Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler at the organ, and the hymn, "The Voice of God is Calling," the President declared the twenty-third Annual Meeting in session.

The president of Monroe District, Mrs. S. A. Seegers, led in the opening worship, with a scripture reading from the Book of Esther. Quoting Esther 4:14, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this," she stated that we are all called to some task in God's kingdom. She concluded with prayer.

Mrs. D. V. Loflin, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Monroe First Methodist Church, extended a welcome from all of the churches in Monroe District, all of whom had assisted in plans for the meeting. She expressed the hope that all would feel closer to God when the meeting was over.

Mrs. C. J. Turpin, local general chairman, was presented. She introduced the committee chairmen, using a clever rhyme for her introductions: Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. P. L. Foreman, Mrs. Don Wineinger, Mrs. Fred Poe, Mrs. R. E. Duke, Mrs. Hugh Murray, Miss Tennie V. Severtson, Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Mrs. Don Elliott, Mrs. Thomas Pitt, Mrs. C. C. Lucky, Mrs. A. P. Andrews, Mrs. Pat Siudy, Mrs. M. L. Defreeze, Mrs. R. T. Farr, Miss Juanita Porter, Mrs. C. L. Taylor, Mrs. Fred Riser.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, presented the program, calling attention to the theme, "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles." She spoke of the two emphases of the porgram—the 225th anniversary of Aldersgate and the 75th anniversary of the Deaconess movement in the United States, and expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given by so many in planning this program.

Telegrams of greeting from Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Chihuahua Chih, Mexico, and Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Methodist Community Center, New Orleans, were read by the Recording Secretary.

The report of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Thomas, was as follows: The **Twenty-Second Annual Report** of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was off the press by August, 1962. The mailing list for more than 700 copies included local presidents, all district officers and secretariees of lines of work, all zone leaders, members of the conference executive committee and many others. There is a tremendous amount of effort and a large expenditure of money involved in issuing the Annual Report. Its use by every local society would make the effort and expense worthwhile.

The following items from the executive committee meeting were reported:

1. Following the untimely death of Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, Conference Secretary of Supply Work, in March, 1962, Mrs. Wideman Watson was appointed to replace her on the Administrative Committee. Mrs. Charles B. McGowan was appointed to serve as Secretary of Supply Work.

2. As alternate delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, Miss Arline Tyler was appointed to replace Miss Sue Batton, retiring Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. George Thomas was appointed to replace Mrs. Tackaberry.

3. Approval was given the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws on their action whereby changes in the conference bylaws made by the Woman's Division at its Annual Meeting in January, 1962, were incorporated in the Louisiana Conference bylaws as recorded in the **Twenty-Second Annual Report.**

4. On the resignation, in October, of Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick as Chairman of the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work, Mrs. Wideman Watson was appointed to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Watson was also appointed to serve as a member (from the Executive Committee) of the Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country Work and was named, with Mrs. Martha Overbey, as delegate to the Jurisdictional Town and Country Workshop.

5. Mrs. J. B. Mouton was selected as delegate to the National Christian Social Relations Seminar to be held in Tacoma, Washington, in August, 1963. Mrs. Wiley Gardner was selected as alternate.

6. Mrs. T. Luster James was appointed to serve on the Board of Sager Brown Home and Godman School as member at large, and Mrs. Shirley Ellender was appointed to serve as a member of this board from the Conference Executive Committee.

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of this report. **Motion carried.**

A further recommendation from the Executive Committee that Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., be elected to serve as Historian of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was brought by Mrs. Thomas, with the motion that this recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Committee appointments were read by the Secretary as follows:

Committee on Journal: Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Chairman; Mrs. James A. Trickett, Mrs. H. B. Wiggers, Sr., Mrs. T. M. Ellis.

Committee on Evaluation: Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Chairman; Mrs. Gilbert Bandell, Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. Luther Booth, Mrs. George Tigner, Jr., Mrs. Earlis Massey.

Tellers: Chairman, Mrs. Wideman Watson. **Counting Tellers:** Mrs. A. H. Harper, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. V. W. Cothren, Mrs. Ralph Lee, Mrs. Glenn Kelley, Mrs. Stanley C. Burgess. **Distributing Tellers:** Mrs. Lawrence King, Mrs. R .J. Lancaster (later replaced by Mrs. C. E. Holley), Mrs. Thomas D. Clark, Mrs. F. V. Barnett, Mrs. L. C. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Rosett.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, **Treasurer,** submitted the following report:

FIRST THREE QUARTERS 1962 - 1963
May 20, 1962 — February 20, 1963

District	Amount Pledged	WSCS Paid on Pledge	WSG Paid on Pledge	Amount Due on Pledge
Alexandria	11,340.00	6,403.68	1,086.75	3,849.57
Baton Rouge	19,690.00	12,085.38	2,213.99	5,390.63
Lafayette	10,100.00	5,795.98	1,162.50	3,141.52
Lake Charles	14,500.00	8,230.24	1,811.55	4,458.21
Monroe	16,000.00	8,954.59	1,999.75	5,045.66
New Orleans	16,500.00	10,260.86	1,654.46	4,584.68
Ruston	13,650.00	7,783.44	1,580.50	4,286.06
Shreveport	29,076.00	17,452.74	1,688.32	9,934.94
	130,856.00	76,966.91	13,197.82	40,691.27

Receipts:

Total Paid on Pledges by WSCS and Guild	$ 90,164.73
District Guild Honorary Membership	100.00
District Guild in Remembrance Gift	18.00
School of Missions Collections WSCS	197.72
Children's Fund	61.11
Youth Fund	2,163.86
Cash for Supply Work	14,211.53
Supplementary	119.50
Week of Prayer	8,196.17
Alcohol Education	1,364.51
Returns to Cultivation	1,422.20
Transient Funds	2,585.93
Interest First Federal Loan Association	247.38
	$120,852.64
Cash in Bank and Building and Loan Association May 20, 1962	14,839.82
Total to Account for	$135,692.46

Disbursements:

Woman's Division of Christian Service	$102,273.26
Conference Cultivation Fund	7,809.95
Transient Fund	2,544.49
Alcohol Education	1,364.51
Alcohol Education, Fourth Quarter 1961 - 1962	822.05
Youth Tour	1,600.00
	$116,414.26
Cash in Bank and Building & Loan Association February 20, 1963	19,278.20
Total to Account for	$135,692.46

Recommendations of the Committee on Finance were read by the Secretary as follows:

1. That the 1963 - 1964 Pledge to Missions be $121,436.00
   That the 1963 - 1964 Conference Budget be 13,020.00
   $134,456.00

2. That the Districts' Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria	$ 11,714.00
Baton Rouge	20,293.00
Lafayette	10,605.00
Lake Charles	15,000.00
Monroe	16,502.00
New Orleans	17,016.00
Ruston	13,650.00
Shreveport	29,676.00
	$134,456.00

3. That the Conference Budget for 1963 - 1964 be as follows:

Officers' Expenses	$ 1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	1,300.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	675.00

News Paper	625.00
Tour	300.00
Guild	1,800.00
	$ 13,020.00

4. That $10.00 a quarter be allowed for mimeographing a narrative report of the Church and Community Worker, or Workers, to be sent to the members of the Louisiana Conference and District Advisory Committees on Town and Country Work, District Presidents, Conference Guild Secretary, and **The Louisiana Methodist.**
5. That the expenses be allowed for a delegate to the National Town and Country Meeting in Minneapolis, July 9-12, 1963, the expenses to be taken from the Cooperative Meetings Fund.
6. That up to $60.00 be allowed for two delegates, one of whom will be Mrs. Martha Overbey, to attend the Jurisdictional Town and Country Workshop, November 13, 14, 15, 1962, at Mt. Sequoyah.
7. That the Historian for the Conference be allowed actual expenses for research and postage for the year 1963 - 1964.
8. That the Conference Secretary of Children's Work be sent to the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah in 1963 and expenses be taken from the Cooperative Meetings Fund.
9. That every Treasurer help to make "pledges" come alive to every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild by lifting up projects of the Woman's Division and the unmet needs.
10. That every Treasurer take advantage of all training opportunities such as Clinics, Officer Training Days, School of Missions, District and Conference Annual Meetings.
11. That all ceremonials (such as pledge services, special day offerings) be worshipful, to the end that all giving may become a spiritual experience.
12. That each Society strive for a substantial increase in its pledge to missions for 1963 - 1964 to show its faith in our Christian Mission around the world.
13. That we continue to promote the World Bank, In Remembrance Gifts, and to cultivate large gifts, annuity gifts, legacies, and bequests.
14. That the money refunded from the 1962 tour be returned to the Cultivation Fund and a sum up to $450.00 be allowed for the expense of the 1963 Mission Tour.
15. That a supplementary gift of $3,300.00 be made to supplement the salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey for the 1963-1964 conference year, this sum to be taken from the anticipated over-payment on pledge to missions for 1962-1963. If the overpayment on pledge does not reach $3,300.00, the amount shall be supplemented with money from the special supply account for Town and Country work.
16. That we allow the expenses of two delegates to the Jurisdiction Christian Vocations Weekend, October 18-20, 1963, in Kansas City, Missouri.
17. That a retiring conference officer or secretary of line of work who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a special membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance. This shall be made a Standing Rule.

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of these recommendations. **Motion carried.**

The President advised the delegates to read the recommendations in their packets in preparation for the vote on them on Friday morning.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Vice-President, presented the President, Mrs. Dameron, who delivered a message entitled "To Every Time a Purpose." (See President's Message, page 72, Twenty-Third Annual Report).

Following the singing of the hymn, "Father in Heaven Who Lovest All," there was a Service of Recognition of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement, under the direction of Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Sr. As Mrs. Nordyke, hidden from view, unfolded the history of the deaconess movement from 1888 to the present day, periods in this history were represented by Mrs. T. Luster James and Mrs. W. A. Ragan, costumed in the dress of the period or in the former deaconess uniform. Miss Kathleen Gates, in white robe, typified youth answering the call today. Each was spotlighted in a picture frame setting on the platform. When the history was completed, seven Deaconesses gave a challenging summation of the many types of work in which the deaconess is engaged. They were: Miss Patricia Gibson, kindergarten teacher at Dulac Methodist Community Center; Miss Norma Garlington, director of Religious Education at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe; Mrs. Helen Harris, case worker at MacDonell Methodist Center; Miss Shiela Nuttall, director of Children's Work in the Louisiana Conference; Miss Fae Daves, director of St. Mark's Community Center; Miss Caroline Porter, retired, who is a consultant for the Woman's Division in settlement work; and Miss Sophie Kuntz, retired, a former worker in Community Centers. This service closed with the following thoughts: A deaconess is a woman who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the church. The field of opportunity is almost unlimited. There are only 400 active deaconesses in the United States today. To become an instrument of Christian love and concern, a witness to the certainty of God's triumphant love, is the opportunity offered by the deaconess relationship.

Unseen by the audience, Mrs. E. J. Barksdale brought a challenge in song, "A Charge to Keep, I Have." Miss Fae Daves gave the benediction.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan presided over the fellowship dinner at the Frances Hotel. The Reverend Don Wineinger gave the invocation. The feature of the evening was a program of special music by Miss Elaine Canady, vocal soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Coralee White at the piano.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The singing of the hymn, "God of Our Fathers," opened the Wednesday evening session. The Reverend George Harbuck gave the scripture reading from the Book of Isaiah 1:1-5, 3:25-30, 5:25-30, 7:18-19, after which he led in prayer. Following the offering, the First Methodist Church Choir sang the anthem, "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" by Chapman, with Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler at the organ.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Evanston Illinois, as speaker of the evening. Dr. Kirkpatrick asked permission to reverse the order of subjects as listed for the evening program, thus making his subject for this evening, "The Lord Will Whistle."

Dr. Kirkpatrick stated that two chapters in Isaiah speak of God's whistle. The question is not **how** God can whistle, but **why**. God's mission to the world is revealed in that whistle. All the stirring in all parts of the world is God at work—to bring about judgment and redemption. Change is a fact. It is God stirring among the people and the nations that has brought it to pass. There is a strong warning to any Church which thinks that things can be maintained as they are in this day. What can we do? Dr. Kirkpatrick cited four things that we can do. 1. We can resist. 2. We can promise to fulfill these changing times but never make good on the promise. This is what Communism does. 3. We can seek to fulfill the rightful desires of mankind on a materialistic basis. This is what foreign aid does. Quoting an answer given to a question he asked, Dr. Kirkpatrick said, "A Peace Corpsman needs only to possess a skill which he would show to others, but a mis-

sionary must have a faith to which he would convert others." 4. Respond to His call before others call. Godless men will arise if we do not arise to fulfill the call. How personal and how individual is the call to each of us? What are we doing to discharge our missionary obligation? We are called, as He was called, to a cross. There must be somewhere deep inside of us the scar where we have been wounded—not to show to the public but only to show Him. Prayer concluded Dr. Kirkpatrick's message.

Bishop Walton pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning session opened with the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," with Mrs. Harvey Nelson at the organ. Mrs. Helen Gage Harris read the story of the good Samaritan from the scripture, and led in prayer.

The President stated that three nominees for membership on the Board of Missions are to be elected at this meeting and their names are to be sent to the Jurisdiction society, where they will be placed on a slate with the names of nominees from all other conferences in the Jurisdiction. She instructed the delegates on the requirements for a person who would hold this office.

The Secretary read the Conference bylaws concerning election of nominees to the Board of Missions, Article IV, Section 5, and the Standing Rule of the Conference, rule No. 3, which defines the conference membership at an annual meeting.

Nominations, made from the floor, for nominees to the Board of Missions were as follows: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Mrs. .G W. Dameron (withdrew), Mrs. T. Haller Jackson (withdrew), Mrs. George H. Thomas, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. Maurice Tatum.

The bar was established as 175 voting members. Mrs. Glenn Laskey called attention to the fact that Mrs. Wideman Watson, being a nominee, would have to be replaced as chairman of tellers. Mrs. Glen Nordyke was appointed to replace her in this capacity.

When voting was finished, the ballots were placed in an envelope which was sealed and filed with the Recording Secretary, to be counted later because the Chairman of Tellers was involved in the following portion of the program.

The reports of officers and secretaries of lines of work were centered around a series of short skits, written by Mrs. John Howe, showing how the work of the Woman's Society relates to the entire family. A skit revealing various members of the family, from the small child to the parents, in a home situation preceded each report. Those participating in the playlet were The Reverend Charles Strong and Mrs. Strong, David Smith, David Riddle, Nickie Williams, and Mrs. Hillary Sanders, with Mrs. Pat Thompson as director.

Secretary of Children's Work: Mrs. S. B. Dampier stated that secretaries of children's work should strive to give children a true picture and better understanding of the world and their needs. Additional sessions, using the mission studies, should be held for children. When plans are made by the local church council of children's workers, the secretary of children's work as a member of this Council, should be sure that mission studies are included. She should be interested in the total program provided by the church for children. Mrs. Dampier urged use of the recommendations for children's work as found in the delegates' packets.

Secretary of Youth Work: Mrs. Charles Giessen spoke of the 1962 mission tour for youth and its impact on the young people who made the tour, and of a similar tour to be held in the summer of 1963. Three girls from each district will be a part of the Louisiana Conference School of Missions

again this summer. Information about the youth section of the school and the tour are contained in the delegates' packets. As a part of the program of the current Annual Meeting, approximately 200 young people at a youth dinner on Thursday evening will have an opportunity to learn more about missions. There has been a change in the World Friendship Group. In the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of the local church there may be **coeducational** interest groups dealing with vital aspects of the world-wide mission of the church, planned as a part of the program of Christian Outreach. The Methodist Youth Fund was not paid in full last year. Assistance is needed in reaching this year's goal of $8,000.00. The Youth Work page in the March **Methodist Woman** should be studied. She stated that we have the tremendous task of helping the Methodist youth to become aware of, concerned about, and involved in the mission of the Church.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel: Mrs. C. R. McCammon stated that there are one hundred different kinds of opportunities for service available through the church. Though the need for workers is urgent, pressures for enlistment or continuation in service are not brought to bear. This is God's call. Our responsibility is to be the channel through which it may come. The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society has provided several means by which young people may learn about, and see first hand, the church at work in the world. Thirty-seven girls attended the 1962 School of Missions. Thirty-one young people and six adult counselors participated in our first Conference mission tour. For several years the Conference society has sent representatives to the Christian Vocations weekend held annually in Kansas City, and has cooperated with, and supported financially, the Christian career clinics held within each district. A dinner for youth is held at the Annual Meeting each year with an outstanding speaker in the field of Christian vocation. All these opportunities are to be continued in the coming year.

Secretary of Student Work: Mrs. John Howe reported that students, exposed as they are to so many new and challenging ideas, are thinking and changing at a much faster rate of speed than are members of most local churches. They want to have their opinions and thoughts considered. The local church needs someone to help interpret the thinking of the campus to the church membership. The local secretary of student work can do this if she is willing to acquaint herself with the new ideas and the thinking on the campus. Students challenge local church members to: have discussions with persons whose opinions differ from theirs; read current literature, both fiction and non-fiction; attend lectures and seminars on college campus; invite students to share **their** ideas with the local church. Mrs. Howe urged that the members of the Woman's Society accept the challenge to grow and to change, and that they elect secretaries of student work who will accept the challenge.

Secretary of Missionary Education: Mrs. Wideman Watson stated that every woman who attends the School of Missions and the educational seminars gains new knowledge and learns of methods by which this knowledge can be shared with her family or any local group. She pointed out how the participation in the study program of the Woman's Society, using approved texts and resource materials as recommended, results in an understanding of and appreciation for persons who differ from us in nationality and culture. The study of the Rim of East Asia gave evidence of the importance of this section of the world and their small but creative Christian communities. The study of problems of Today's Children for Tomorrow's World and recognition of the many church sponsored services for People of Special Needs brought awareness of family and community need. The study on Prayer brought with it concern for spiritual development and gave help toward developing a prayer life that is intelligent, regular, constant, and genuine.

Secretary of Missionary Service: Mrs. Glen Nordyke spoke of the opportunity that the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have to keep in touch with the missionaries, deaconesses and workers. At the beginning of the year each society was asked to adopt one worker and send cards or letters on her birthday, Christmas, or special occasions. There are nine workers from Louisiana in the home field, either as deaconesses or

contract workers. Approximately 42 workers, at work under the Woman's Division, are in our Louisiana Institutions. Four missionaries from Louisiana are at work in foreign fields: a social worker in Mexico, Miss Margaret Wade Campbell; a medical missionary in India, Dr. Vela Cleveland; a teacher in Monrovia, West Africa, Miss Dorothea Brown; and a registered nurse in Southern Rhodesia, Miss Elma Ashby.

As a happy surprise, Mrs. Nordyke presented Miss Elma Ashby, who, on furlough this year, chose to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society in her native state, and was in the congregation.

Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr. spoke of the Woman's Society of Christian Service as a channel through which women in their own way can give expression to their love for God and their concern for His world. It needs all women of the church who are willing to learn more about the work and who are willing to pray for its ongoing. There is a place of service for all. The Woman's Society needs these women and they need the Woman's Society. As women give of their service and their dedication, they find the power which comes with a transformed life and the joy of sharing in the building of God's Kingdom.

Secretary of Spiritual Life: Mrs. T. Haller Jackson stated that it is the responsibility of each secretary of spiritual life and her committee to encourage the spiritual growth of every woman in the church. This growth can be stimulated most effectively through the cultivation of personal, daily, regular devotions and fellowship with others in prayer and intercession. Progress was made in the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial (hereafter to be known as the **Call** to Prayer and Self-Denial) both in the number and manner of observances. Those who have completed the study on prayer this year have reported enthusiastically as to the interest and eagerness of the women who participated and the helpfulness of the study. The Lenten season is being observed more and more as a time for spiritual enrichment, through Bible study, devotional reading, days apart, and prayer. Ninety-five per cent of the societies in the Louisiana Conference have a secretary of spiritual life. Their good work is evidenced in the areas of worship, evangelism, stewardship and study.

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. Charles B. McGowan stressed the importance of knowing something about the institutions to which we send our gifts for supply work. She suggested three ways to become better informed: For those who travel, through personal visits to institutions located in their itinerary, such visits to be reported to the local society; through a tour group organized in the local society with the purpose of visiting these institutions; through study of the **Do You Know** Booklets. The knowledge thus gained would give to the individual member a new understanding and concern for the work in which she shares, through her pledge to missions, **first**, and **then** through supply work giving. Mrs. Mcgowan stated, "Seeing is believing, believing becomes concern, and concern results in action."

Secretary of Literature: Mrs. Warren Orr exhibited attractive posters as she made her report. She called attention to the new terminology adopted by the Woman's Division for the secretary of literature—the word "publications" has been dropped. Also, she directed attention to the recommendations in the packets. Stating that every Methodist woman is a potential officer and needs the proper tools. She pointed up as indispensable books for reference, **The Twenty-Third Annual Report** of the Woman's Division and the current Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference. She suggested that everyone make a resolution to start each day with **The Upper Room** and to lift in prayer our projects and workers listed for each day in the **Prayer Calendar.** Both the May and June issues of **The Methodist Woman** would be especially helpful to new officers and secretaries of lines of work. The April issue of **The World Outlook** is the Board of Missions issue. A copy is sent to every pastor, and he should be asked to call it to the attention of the congregation and of the commissions. **The World Outlook** is Methodism's magazine of missions. She urged that subscription renewals to these two magazines be sent in promptly, in order that no issue be missed. In prep-

aration for Aldersgate year she recommended a special play, "Awakening at Aldersgate," from the Board of Missions. She urged that everyone visit the literature room.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations: Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. spoke of the concern of the Department of Christian Social Relations with the problems of every area of life. It does not have clear cut answers for all the ills but seeks to bring the insights of concern and faith to problems growing from: the wide scale challenge of international communism; the control of nuclear energy; the things that threaten the security of every man's family; the problems of labor and management, the economic situations we face; and the crisis in education and general welfare. The whole family and all its problems is the concern of the Department of Christian Social Relations. We have learned that the welfare of each one depends on the welfare of the whole society of the world's peoples. The love and compassion which we inherit from our Father's love and compassion should flow through us to all men.

Wesleyan Service Guild: In the absence of Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. A. W. Wilkins reported for her, stating that the Wesleyan Service Guild opens the door for the employed woman to find a place in the church, in the community, and in the world as a responsible Christian; it enables her to find spiritual and moral strength for developing and maintaining Christian attitudes in a world of competition; and to find a Christian approach to the business, the industry, or the profession in which she works. The Guild program is scheduled and geared to serve the employed woman. The 1,964 members of the Guild in the Louisiana Conference have given of their service, their gifts and their prayers, but there are many unreached, many areas of service as yet unexplored, and new depths in spiritual growth and Christian action to be discovered. It is the goal of the Louisiana Conference Guild to widen their horizons until the many employed women in Louisiana are engaged and involved in this great missionary enterprise in our church.

Vice-President: Mrs. M. R. Tatum expressed the hope that the mission of the church and the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be so in accord with the teachings of Jesus, that they will become synonymous. She spoke of the World Federation of Methodist Women, whose purpose is "To know Him and to make Him known." The women pledge themselves, in Christian unity, to seek to aid in establishing Christ's kingdom among all peoples and in all areas of life, and to seek, with women of all lands, fellowship and mutual help in the building of a Christian world order. In the specific area of Woman's Society programs, she stated that the theme for the 1963-1964 program book is entitled "Witness Through Service." Again, the book is divided into four blocks of undated programs: Special programs; Missions; Witness; and Know Your Church.

The Chairman of Tellers secured the sealed envelope of ballots from the desk of the Recording Secretary, and the Counting Tellers retired to count the ballots.

Following the singing of the hymn "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," Mrs. Dameron presented Dr. B. C. Taylor, who spoke of Centenary College, its plans and its needs. He requested help in securing students for Centenary, stating that thirty-five boys and girls now registered are preparing for church related work, but that is not enough, for our church is facing a shortage of ministers and workers. He also requested prayer for Centenary College and its leaders as they try to deepen the spiritual life of the college and make it meaningful in the whole scheme of higher education.

Mrs. Dameron presented Miss Caroline A. Porter, retired Deaconess, and welcomed her back to her native Louisiana. Since her retirement Miss Porter has visited several countries on special assignment for the Methodist Board of Missions. The subject of Miss Porter's talk was "The Deaconess, Called, Confronted, Compelled." She spoke of the joy of being a Methodist deaconess, of being a social worker in a settlement house and of the opportunity it affords to help change lives. Because the Woman's Division of

Christian Service had a settlement house on the east side of Tampa, Florida, a little Cuban girl became a Christian, went to serve her people as a missionary and remained to serve in Cuba after all other Methodists were asked to leave there. Where Methodism goes, one will find deaconesses "called, confronted, compelled" in every country. The deaconess is a part of the Methodist Church universal. She spoke of her personal contact with deaconesses at work in Peru, Chili, Argentina, Brazil; of the recent beginnings of deaconess training programs in Japan and in Southern Rhodesia; of the devoted work of a North Carolina deaconess who became a missionary to Africa where she will be at work in Katanga and Elizabethville training deaconesses; of the dedicated work of a few remaining missionaries in Angola who are afraid to leave for fear they could never return; of the work of Miss Elma Ashby (from Louisiana) as a nurse in Nyadiri, and of the native nurses being trained there. Everywhere the work among deaconesses and missionaries shows unselfish devotion and dedication to God and His service. She praised the work of LA3's, US2's and A3's, stating that when we interest our young people in short term service, we often have some full-time workers as a result. With the statement that all service stems from the local church, she challenged each person present to return to her local church and help a young person to find a place of service in the Father's kingdom.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, substituting for Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, presented distinguished guests and visitors in attendance. She spoke with regret of the absence of Mrs. D. B. Boddie, who, because of a broken hip, was compelled to miss the Annual Meeting for the first time in forty-one years. It was directed that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Boddie.

To begin the noon-time worship period, Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple sang "O Divine Redeemer," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Nelson.

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick replaced Miss Allene Ford as speaker, as Miss Ford was unavoidably detained. For the scripture, Dr. Kirkpatrick chose Ezekiel 33:1-7. He stated that God is pointing His finger to us saying, "I have set you a watchman." The Church cannot stay out of anything "that God wants in on." He wants in on the human race. That's what the incarnation means. God came to earth to be a part of it. Asking the question, "Should the Church speak on social, economic, and political issues?", he stated that anyone who says the Church should stay out of these issues has to ignore the Bible, and cited examples in the Bible to support this statement. Since the Methodist Church adopted a social creed more than fifty years ago, we have been saying that all areas of life are God's business. If the Church never speaks a word except that which will get a unanimous vote, no one will listen to us. The Church must speak from the standpoint of the heart and concern of God on anything that affects people.

ALDERSGATE LUNCHEON

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary of Spiritual Life, presided at the Aldersgate Luncheon. The Wesley graces were sung in unison before and after the meal, led by Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple. After presenting the guests, Mrs. Jackson called attention to the copy of The Book of Romans which was at every place and urged the reading and study of it in observance of Aldersgate year.

Mrs. George Sexton, former Conference president and first president of South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, displayed a replica of the Wesley teapot and gave a most interesting history of how it came into being. She stated that the original is in a museum in England. At the conclusion of the luncheon, Mrs. Temple sang Wesley's hymn, "Jesus, United by Thy Grace."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The singing of the hymn "Spirit of Faith Come Down" opened the afternoon session, after which Miss Patricia Gibson, Deaconess, led in prayer.

Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Chairman of Tellers, brought the balloting report as follows: Votes cast, 174; spoiled ballots, 3; the number needed for election, 88; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, 150; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, 103; Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, 143; Mrs. Wideman Watson, 89; Mrs. George H. Thomas, 71; Mrs. Chas. B. McGowan, 74; Mrs. M. R. Tatum, 63. Elected as nominees for the Board of Missions were Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Tidwell.

Mrs. Nordyke moved that the fourth highest on the ballot be declared alternate. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Watson was named alternate.

The President read a telegram from Miss Emma Burris and Miss Elizabeth Stinson.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Bishop of the Louisiana Area, was presented by Mrs. Dameron. Bishop Walton gave an address on the subject "What Happened to John Wesley at Aldersgate Street." On May 24th, 1963, we celebrate the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's experience at Aldersgate. That night he felt his heart strangely warmed and testified openly to what was in his heart. After that he was a changed man. He had a special satisfaction and peace of mind that was new to him. Before, he was more concerned with saving his own soul than anything else. Now, for the first time in his life he forgot and moved entirely away from self and made it possible for God to fill his life. He started a movement that reformed his country. It reformed the life of the average man in the British Empire. It changed the religious outlook of England, Europe and America. The need in our hour is for an experience that will do for our heart and our generation what that Aldersgate experience did for John Wesley and the world. We need to find a way to remove self from the center of life and place Christ there. When that happens it transforms not only the individual but society as well. We need in our day the warm heart, dedicated soul, love to bless and serve our fellowman in the name of Jesus. Christ is our Lord. If he is the Lord of our lives, of our churches, of our community, and of our nation, then no one can hurt or defeat us. He concluded with a prayer.

Following the singing of the hymn, "O For a Heart to Praise My God," the closing feature of the afternoon session was introduced by Mrs. Charles B. McGowan. She explained that special exhibits of the Woman's Division projects in Louisiana had been set up in specified rooms of the educational building and one or more workers from each project would be on hand to talk about the work done and to answer questions. After dividing those in attendance into several groups, Mrs. McGowan requested that everyone visit each of these exhibits with her designated group, and outlined the procedure to be followed. The visitation followed the benediction, which was given by Miss Wilma Snare, Deaconess.

THURSDAY DINNER

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, presided at the Citizenship Dinner. Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and in singing the national anthem. The Reverend Edward R. Haug returned thanks. Mrs. Mouton introduced guests at the head table. Those who had not been previously introduced were the Reverend and Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, the Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations who were present: Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. A. D. St. Amant, Mrs. J. Q. Elliott, Mrs. Robert Compton.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Chairman of the Section of Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions and a former president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, was introduced by Mrs. Mouton as speaker of the evening. Her subject was "Citizenship and Christian Responsibility." She stated that the change we are faced with today is bewildering and frightening. New ideas clash with old. Cherished ideas are challenged. Stating that competing groups are trying to give us the answer for today's problems, she asked the question, "Why do we believe the people whom we do not know and yet do not believe the leaders

in our churches?" When we find that our churches are changing we want to cling to the past. She expressed the thought that the church is in the world and should talk about the explosive issues of the day, because our church has feeling for people and every issue which touches their lives. If we are confused about the mission of the church, the study of "Our Mission Today" should help us to understand. If we could believe that the purpose of the church is not to reflect the ideas and standards of the community in which it is placed, but to interpret the will of God, then we would not be disturbed. Stating that the most disturbing issue in our area is probably the one on race, she said we fail to see that the whole issue of race is bound up in human freedom. This goes back to Old Testament times when Moses freed the slaves. It is planted in the human heart by God. Speaking of the Charter of Racial Policies, she said that it is not mandatory. We are called to study it. As citizens we cannot segment ourselves. We have to look at ourselves as Christians and as children of God, remembering that God wants equal rights for all. We are citizens of the world. What happens in the world affects us. What happens here affects the world. What we do as individuals is very important. The least possible incident can be carried across the world. Each woman should: Inform herself by viewing both sides of questions; know the stand that her church and Woman's Society take on issues; tell her Representative how she feels; examine her individual conscience and say, "What would you have me do, Lord?" The answer may startle her. She should pray each day for faith, which is a gift of God, and comes from a personal encounter with Him.

While all heads were bowed, "God Bless America" was sung by Mrs. P. L. Foreman.

THURSDAY EVENING

Following the hymn, "O Zion Haste," the Reverend E. R. Haug read scripture from the first chapter of Romans and led in prayer. Mrs. Eloise Anspach, soloist, sang "The Cross" by Ware, with Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler at the organ.

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick's subject for the evening was "The Arms of Love That Compass Me." He stated that all revolutionists of the past would not be able to understand the things becoming familiar to our Methodist Church today. To be an apostle today is something else than in Biblical times. We must be willing to ask questions—new questions. He spoke of the Consultation in Africa in which church leaders from the United States (of which he was one) and 15 people from other parts of the world met with 75 African leaders in Elizabethville to listen to what the African leaders would say about what the church should be today. They learned that: (1) Our mission is a success. In our lifetime, seed of the gospel has been planted and has come to fruition so that all over the world there are vigorous churches. This success makes for some of our problems. Formerly we had the mission on one side and the church on the other, developing separately. Now the two must be united. (2) We must have a new understanding of stewardship. We must rethink how much control we will have over the money that we give; we must be willing to lay money in the hands of our fellow Chistians. (3) We must have a new understanding of the role of the missionary, which will not be the same as in the past. The only need for the missionary may be to show them Christ. Communism has no enemy in the world as effective as the Christian Church. The Christian mission has a unique reason for all we seek to do in the world—to preach Jesus Christ. "The arms of love that compass me would all mankind embrace." If our mission does not have Him we have nothing. We begin as Christians when we stand at the foot of the cross. Dr. Kirkpatrick then led in prayer.

The theme hymn of the meeting, "The Voice of God is Calling" was sung.

The pledge service was led by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, assisted by Mrs. Dameron, the eight district treasurers, and seven Deaconesses and Workers —Miss Fae Daves, Miss Norma Garlington, Mrs. Carl Brunson, Mrs. Helen

Harris, Miss Patricia Gibson, Mrs. Cheney Prevost, and Miss Wilma Snare. The service featured candle-lighting, symbolic of the light spread throughout the world by the work of our Deaconesses and Missionaries and made possible by the gifts of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The Reverend Charles Strong gave the benediction.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President
Mrs. George H. Thomas
Recording Secretary

FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session opened with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," with Mrs. Dorothy Zeagler at the organ. Mrs. Cheney B. Prevost, principal of Godman School, substituting for Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, read the scripture, I Corinthians 3: 6-15, and led in prayer.

Because of the illness of the recording secretary, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson was asked to serve as secretary pro tem. Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. Zeagler, organist, Miss Allene Ford, and Miss Arline Tyler. Miss Ford was the featured speaker at the youth dinner which was held on Thursday evening.

Each conference officer and secretary of a line of work was given the opportunity to speak concerning recommendations for her office, as contained in the packets, and to call attention to those needing emphasis, or to make necessary changes. The opportunity was also given for questions from the floor. The first question from the floor was raised by Mrs. Brinsefield King of Baton Rouge who asked for an interpretation of recommendation No. 1 for Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Laskey was requested by Mrs. Dameron to speak, clarifying the recommendation.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman of School of Missions, called attention to the Pattern of Attendance as listed in the packets and made one addition to it. She urged that all officers, whether in the pattern or not, attend School of Missions.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of Missionary Personnel, urged that the names of young people interested in Christian vocations be forwarded to her through the usual channels, so that she will have a complete file.

Mrs. Charles Giessen, Secretary of Youth Work, emphasized her first recommendation. She called special attention to the section in **A Guide,** which states that the committee on nominations in the local society shall consult the youth council before nominating a secretary of youth work. She stated that the program book, "To Fulfill God's Mission" will be available for World Friendship Groups by June, 1963.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson moved that the recommendations of the conference officers and secretaries of lines of work as included in the delegates' packets be adopted. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Chairman of the **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws,** read the proposed changes in the Conference bylaws and standing rules as follows, and moved their adoption. **Motion carried.** (Note: All page numbers refer to the **Twenty-Second Annual Report.**)

Article II, Section 1. The Executive Committee, Page 140.

Amend line 13, following the words: "and the following ex-officio members," by **adding the district treasurers and the district secretaries of promotion . . . without vote.**

The amended sentence will then read: "and the following ex-officio members: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of promotion, the Conference director of youth work and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president; all shall be without vote."

Article III, Section 11. Advisory Committee, Page 142.

(a) Amend by **inserting** after sentence beginning in line 8, "The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee," a

sentence to read: **Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the Committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committees for Town and Country Work,**
(Continue remainder of paragraph as written.)

Article V. Funds, Page 144
Add from the Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for conference societies:
Section 3. "Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the Conference treasurer who shall transmit them to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels."
Section 4. "Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society."
Re-number present sections —
Section 3 becomes Section 5
Section 4 becomes Section 6
Section 5 becomes Section 7
Section 6 becomes Section 8

Standing Rules of the Conference, No. 21, Page 148.
Brought for Clarification —
Refer to Page 36, recommendations from Committee on Finance regarding "expenses of District officers within the pattern of attendance in the Conference School of Missions for 1960 - 1964" —
NOTE: **"The Conference will allow for the expense of one additional car from each district for the quadrennium."** In other words, the expenses for two cars will be paid, if necessary.

For Information. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws is bringing the bylaws of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in line with the changes made by the Woman's Division in January, 1963.

Article IV, Section 5. Elections, Page 144.
Amend by adding a paragraph at the end of this section:
The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Article V, Section 5. Funds, Page 144.
Line 1 — **Amend** by deleting the phrase, "The Week of Prayer and Self Denial offering," and **substitute** "The offering received from the observance of a **Call to Prayer and Self Denial."**

In addition:
Delete the words, **"and Publications"** wherever they occur in the bylaws, from the phrase "Secretary of Literature and Publication."

Mrs. Laskey asked for point of special privilege. She spoke concerning the coming election, at Annual Conference, of delegates to General Conference. She stated that the Woman's Society had been represented in the Louisiana delegation every quadrennium since unification until the present quadrennium. The suggestion was made that delegates subtly promote the election of Mrs. Dameron (whose approval of this presentation she did not have).

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work, gave the report of that committee. She called attention to the report, in the delegates' packets, of Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker in the Urania Area. (See page 107, **Twenty-Third Annual Report** for copy of this report.) Mrs. Overbey will continue work in this area during 1963-1964.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, reporting for the Committee on Tours, expressed appreciation to those who gave dedicated leadership to the youth mission tour of 1962, naming especially: the director, Miss Louise Sharp; the counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Oldham; and the

nurse, Miss Kathleen Gates. She spoke enthusiastically of the success of this tour, the members of which were real ambassadors of good will, and told of plans for the 1963 tour, July 1-12, details of which were contained in the delegates' packets. In speaking of tours that might be set up on the local or district level, she stated that great care should be exercised in the selection of leaders and in detailed planning of each tour.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell gave an informal report of the Committee on Evaluation, stating that a detailed report from this committee will be presented at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Don Wineinger, Chairman of Registration, reported the registered attendance at this Annual Meeting as follows: Deaconesses, 7; other workers, 10; guest speakers, 6; conference officers, 14; district officers, 44; other delegates, 145; visitors, 238; 1 missionary; an additional 11 visitors on Friday morning; total attendance registered, 475.

Mrs. James A. Trickett, reporting for the Committee on Resolutions, brought the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS, 1963

We, the delegates and members of the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in session at First Methodist Church in Monroe, wish to convey our deep gratitude for the inspiration, information, and Christian fellowship shared as we celebrate the recognition of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the deaconess movement and the marking of John Wesley's Aldersgate Street experience two hundred twenty-five years ago.

We have been blessed by the presence and participation of Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton in our meeting.

For the warm reception which manifested itself in many thoughtful expressions for our comfort, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the host society, the First Methodist Church, Mrs. D. V. Loflin, President; the Pastor, the Reverend Mr. George W. Harbuck and Mrs. Harbuck; the Associate Pastor, the Reverend Mr. Charles Strong and Mrs. Strong; and the District Superintendent, the Reverend Mr. Edward R. Haug and Mrs. Haug.

Included in our thanks for pre-meeting courtesies are: the Woman's Societies of Gordon Avenue Methodist Church, Stone Avenue Methodist Church, Southside Methodist Church, St. Mark's Methodist Church, St. Paul's Methodist Church; the Executive Committee of the Monroe District, of which Mrs. S. A. Seegers is president; the McGuire and Claiborne Methodist Churches; Mrs. E. N. Jackson; and Zones II, III, IV, and V of the Monroe District.

Much credit is given to Mrs. C. J. Turpin, General Chairman, and Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Co-Chairman, and their loyal committee chairmen who assisted them in the over all planning and dispensing of gracious hospitality throughout the Annual Meeting in behalf of the delegates and the members of the Conference Executive Committee. Special recognition is due the First Methodist Church, West Monroe, for serving the youth dinner on Thursday evening.

We feel fortunate in having Mrs. C. R. McCammon serve as chairman of the committee on Annual Meeting program, which has reflected careful and prayerful deliberation.

For all who have provided worshipful messages through music, we express our appreciation.

Our insights have been deepened and our interests heightened by the contributions of our Workers, Deaconesses and Missionaries.

We are indebted beyond measure to Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Miss Caroline A. Porter and Miss Allene Ford for the impact of their challenging messages.

We are truly thankful for the leadership of our consecrated President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and of all the dedicated officers and secretaries of

lines of work in the Louisiana Conference who have labored that we may truly feel we are "called to be disciples and sent to be apostles."

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
Mrs. James A. Trickett
Mrs. T. M. Ellis
Mrs. H. B. Wiggers, Sr.

An invitation for the 1964 Annual Meeting to be held in Lafayette on the dates of March 11-13 was made by Mrs. Thomas D. Clark, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church, Lafayette. The invitation was accepted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell rose to point of special privilege in recognition of Dr. Keith Mason and Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey as delegates to the Assembly of the National Council of Churches. She moved that we commend Mrs. Laskey and Dr. Mason for the dedication of their leadership in appreciation of their services as delegates to represent Louisiana at the Assembly. **Motion carried.**

Reporting for the Committee on Journal, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson stated that the committee has met and found the journal in order. She moved acceptance of this report. **Motion carried.**

Substituting for Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. Lee Tidwell introduced the reports of the eight districts, with the theme, "Take Up Thy Cross." Each District Secretary of Promotion, or her representative, presented the outstanding achievements or needs of her district, following which she moved to a pre-assigned position on the platform to take her place in a human cross. Mrs. Tidwell called attention to this cross as the symbol of the very heart of Christianity—a cross of sacrifice, a cross of love, and a cross of challenge. Stating that there has been a loss of 725 members in the Louisiana Conference, she spoke of this cross of challenge as a call to discipleship to renew our dedication to service and urged that we redouble our efforts to bring all women in the church into the fellowship of service through membership in the Woman's Society, to be a channel for love and concern for peoples of the world.

The officers remained in position for the cross as Mrs. E. J. Barksdale sang "Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said." The entire congregation then sang the hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

Mrs. C. R. McCammon presided over a panel of young people discussing their experiences as they participated in a program of activities provided by the Methodist Church and the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. Those participating were: Judith Doyle, Lenora Dampier, Kathleen Gates, and Diane Watkins.

Miss Gates spoke of the 1962 interstate mission tour, sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in which she, thirty other young people, and six adults participated. She told of the territory and the many service projects and institutions of the Methodist Church visited by the tour. Pitmann Center, a clinic in the hills of Tennessee, was, perhaps, where she became sure of her field of work. She spoke, also, of the Christian Vocations Weekend at National College, Kansas City, and of her indebtedness to the Woman's Society for this experience of growth.

Miss Doyle explained the US2 program for college graduates who wish to give two years of service on the home field. She told of the challenge she had received as a young girl from reading about Mahatma Ghandi's life. The reason he gave for not becoming a Christian inspired her to want to show that all Christians are not as the ones with whom he had come in contact. Presently, she is a US2 serving as first grade teacher at Sager Brown Home and Godman School, and is undecided as to whether she will continue to serve on the home field or go as a foreign missionary.

Miss Dampier told of her work in a summer service project at Dulac Community Center and of its meaning for her. She spoke of the language difference there.

Miss Watkins told of her participation in a two-way exchange student program, an experience provided by her local church. While she was an exchange student in Germany, a student from Hanover, Germany stayed in her home in Lake Charles. She spoke enthusiastically of her experiences abroad, and of attending an international work camp at Agape, where the world church idea was advanced with the theme "Christ Above All." She spoke of the newness of this idea to her, of its growth in her mind once planted, and of its appeal. She expressed appreciation to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for its interest in and help to young people.

The appeal was made by this Panel that parents and grandparents give their support when young people express a desire to give their lives to Christian service. In conclusion, Mrs. McCammon spoke of the importance of the Christian experiences which led these youth to make these most important Christian decisions, and of the tremendous importance of encouraging our young people to dedicate their lives to work which will fulfill their goals according to the plan and purpose of God for their lives. It is for us to be channels through which God's call may come.

The report of the **Wesleyan Service Guild** was given by Miss Arline Tyler. There are 1964 members in the 110 Guilds of the Louisiana Conference. A full quota attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, and five members remained for the Jurisdiction School of Missions. There were 176 in attendance at Conference Guild Weekend; 33 at School of Missions; 41 conference and district officers at the September Coaching Conference; and 338 local officers participating in the district Coaching Conferences. No statistical report can present a complete picture of the discipleship and service of the Guild. If we could follow the Guild members into the offices, business places, factories, hospitals, classrooms, and the varied fields which they serve, then we might have some conception of what the Wesleyan Service Guild really means. The Guild is humbly aware of its successes in many areas, but also alert to the potentials and needs as yet untouched.

Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation to First Church, to Monroe District, to all who helped to entertain the Annual Meeting, and to the delegates for their attendance.

In preparation for the closing worship service, the soloist, Mrs. Estelle Sanders, sang the prayer of St. Francis, "Eternal Life."

Miss Allene Ford, Secretary of Missionary Personnel for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, brought the noon-day meditation on "The Mighty Acts of God." In the beginning God, the Creator, set all in operation and created man for fellowship. Man was given freedom of choice, to accept or reject His love, His fellowship. Man rejected. God chose a people. Man still rejected. In the fullness of time, He sent Jesus, as His full revelation. In the Incarnation we see God's supreme break through. Man rejected Him, crucified Him; God raised Him. We, earthen vessels, are entrusted as His followers to pass on His good news, the revelation of His love. The mission of the Church is each individual's, to demonstrate world-wide love and concern for all. The Church has a great need for workers, missionaries, deaconesses. The inaudible God is today made audible through His witnesses. Christianity is not keeping pace as it should today. It is not a once-for-all experience, but a daily dying to self. The servant is still the greatest. He who loses his life for Christ's sake and the gospel's, really finds it. She concluded with prayer.

The President declared the twenty-third Annual Meeting adjourned.

The service of Holy Communion was presided over by the Reverend George W. Harbuck, with the assistance of the Reverend Edward R. Haug and the Reverend Loyd Williams.

Approved:
Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President
Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Secretary Pro Tem

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FINAL SESSION — MARCH 15, 1963

Immediately following adjournment of the twenty-third Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met for lunch and a short business session in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church. Because many members were unable to be present, some matters of business were deferred to a later meeting.

Committee changes were announced by the President.

Mrs. Gallaher brought a verbal recommendation as to how the giving of books to the library of Sager-Brown Home and Godman School should be promoted. Action on this recommendation was deferred until a more formal recommendation could be presented.

A letter from Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick was read by the President expressing her regret at her inability to remain through the entire Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell stated that since Mrs. Tatum was ill, and since they had not had an opportunity to meet as a committee, she would like to bring a verbal statement to be included in the resolution authorized in the meeting on March 12th relative to the article in the **Louisiana Methodist** regarding the National Council of Churches.

The statement was approved.

The meeting was adjourned by the President, Mrs. Dameron.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President
Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Secretary pro tem

CALLED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 2, 1963

The Executive Committee met in called session on May 2, 1963, at First Methodist Church in Alexandria, following the conclusion of district officer training. The President, Mrs. Dameron, opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll call showed 38 present, as follows: Mesdames Wideman Watson, Carl Gallaher, B. F. Patterson, Jr., John L. Howe, Jr., C. R. McCammon, J. B. Mouton, Sr., L. C. Aycock, James T. Spencer, Cecil Read, M. R. Tatum, J. R. Kavanaugh, Wiley B. Gardner, W. D. Snelling, T. Luster James, Chas. H. Giessen, Glen R. Nordyke, Warren M. Orr, Evan E. James, A. R. Scheffer, T. Haller Jackson, W. G. Johnston, R. R. Cahal, Max L. Clayton, W. A. Ragan, Shirley Ellender, M. Eloi Girard, S. E. Richardson, A. J. McGrede, S. A. Seegers, S. B. Dampier, W. W. Hyde, Charles B. McGowan, J. E. McCampbell, C. W. Tebow, J. H. McSween, G. W. Dameron, George H. Thomas.

The President read committee assignments for 1963-1964. Mrs. Howe was approved as chairman of the Annual Meeting program for 1964. Mrs. McCammon was asked to serve as consultant to the Committee on Annual Report in editing the Twenty-Third Annual Report. Because of the resignation of Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey as chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Mrs. Thomas was appointed to serve in that capacity.

Mrs. McCammon moved that the committees be accepted as presented. Motion carried. (See page 6, Twenty-Third Annual Report for listing of committees.)

Two changes on the Committee on Nominations were approved: Mrs. Clayton to replace Mrs. Gallaher, and Mrs. Tebow to replace Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, these changes having been made by the districts involved.

The President stated that Mrs. Orr had resigned from the Advisory Boards of MacDonell Methodist Center and Dulac Community Center. Mrs. McGowan moved that Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. be named to serve on these two Boards. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Gallaher brought the following recommendation from the Committee appointed to study the recommendations regarding the securing of books for the library at Sager Brown Home and Godman School:

1. That during the year 1963-1964 any interested individual of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild be permitted to send, through the regular channel, a sum of money to be used toward the purchase of books for the library at Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, each book to cost approximately $3.50.
2. That for 1964-1965, Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent, be requested to ask for additional funds, through Supply Work, to be used for the purchase of books for the library.

Mrs. Gallaher moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron stated that Bishop Walton had selected three persons from the Conference Society to attend the Conference on Human Relations in Chicago in August, 1963, the expenses to be paid by the Conference Society. Those named were Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Patterson, and Mrs. McCammon. In consideration of this, Mrs .Gallaher brought a recommendation from the Committee on Finance as follows:

That the expenses be allowed for three delegates to the Quadrennial Conference on Human Relations to be held in Chicago, August 26-30, 1963. Mrs. Gallaher moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Jackson gave a report of the Committee on Policies for the School of Missions. She read the proposed policies drawn up by this Committee, including the youth section of the School of Missions, and moved their adoption. **Motion carried.** It was agreed that these policies be placed on file with the Committee on School of Missions.

An invitation for the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting was extended by Mrs. James for Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge. This invitation was gratefully accepted and the dates of the meeting were set for November 5, 6, 7, 1963.

A statement of appreciation for Miss Stinson, to be presented to her at the Jurisdiction School of Missions, was read by Mrs. Jackson and signed by all members of the Executive Committee.

In order to ascertain how extensively the **Louisiana Conference News** is being used, Mrs. Dameron requested that district presidents and secretaries of promotion discuss it at zone meetings and send reports on answers received to Mrs. McSween, chairman of the **Louisiana Conference News.**

Reporting for the Study and Action Committee, Mrs. Mouton presented information gained from questionnaires on seminars.

The President announced an opportunity for someone from the Woman's Society of Christian Service to go to Mt. Sequoyah for visual aid training in July, with a $40.00 scholarship.

Mrs. Dameron stated that the fifth quadrennial National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country will be held in Minneapolis, July 9-12. The Conference Commission on Town and Country Work is paying expense of one representative from the Woman's Society to this meeting and may be able to pay for another. In this event, names of possible representatives were mentioned, as follows: Mrs. Irving W. Roland, Mrs. Robert Compton, Mrs. A. H. Harper, and Mrs. Wideman Watson. Selection of the second representative was left to the President.

Mrs. Patterson reported that the cost of the two day district officer training session just completed was $935.39 for 93 people—$10.05½ per person. Mrs. Dameron expressed her appreciation and that of the entire executive committee for the work done in preparing for and carrying out this officer training.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President
Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas
Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TO EVERY TIME A PURPOSE

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

The title selected for this message, "To Every Time a Purpose," is an adaptation of Ecclesiastes 3:1. A more modern writer and theologian, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, has stated it another way. His words are: "(God) — sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time."

To assign to God the purposes and tasks He may have for our lives is not within the province of the human mind. Yet, if we are to accept Jesus Christ's interpretation of the greatest commandments — "— you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30, 31) — we must realize that, in every generation, those who bear the name of Christian are challenged to the tasks involved in spiritual renewal, dynamic discipleship, and effective witness. For this reason, we set before the members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, and all the women of the Church, the task of realizing what it means to be "Called To Be Disciples — Sent To Be Apostles."

Let us examine briefly these two words — disciple and apostle — which we have come to use interchangeably in our conversation. A disciple is a student and a follower, trained and disciplined by the master whom he follows. As Jesus spoke to men of varied vocations and said, "Follow me;" so, in our time, every Christian is called to Christian discipleship. Elton Trueblood, in his book, **The Company of the Committed,** says that the great new Christian fact of our day — and one which offers great hope — is that thousands of men and women, involved in secular occupations, openly affirm that they are ministers of Christ in common life. However, Mr. Trueblood goes on to say, "It was necessary (for Jesus) to have disciples first, because there had to be some reservoir of human resources on which to draw before the actual penetration of the world could begin." But, if Christ had had merely disciples, He would not have been different from other religious leaders or other teachers. The difference lay in the fact that all of Jesus's disciples were potential apostles — or ambassadors — ready to be sent out into the world to testify to, and evangelize for, their faith in the Christ and His teachings.

The Latin for "missionary" is the equivalent for the Greek "apostle," both meaning "one who is sent." In the early days of the Church and extending into the nineteenth century, "to be sent" meant to travel to some new geographical frontier and there seek to win converts to the Christian faith. In part, this is still true of the "sending" mission of the Church. But today's frontiers are different. They are no longer so much a matter of geography as they are of human relations. Because every situation and condition which affects the welfare of persons — whether in the field of science, the personal encounter between racial and cultural groups, conflicting ideologies, or spiritual renewal — is world-wide and a part of every local community scene, all of us must be, like the early disciples, potential apostles. But our potentialities must not remain dormant. They must be developed and used.

A good many Christians are like Jimmy, a kindergarten pupil, who showed no signs of being a student. One day, however, to his mother's delight, he came home with a gold star on his card. His mother inquired why he had been thus rewarded. Said Jimmy, "Well, it's like this. Every day we have to rest, and I rested the best." The potential student had become a "rester." The resting disciple is not enough. Our Christian witness is effective only as it becomes active in human personality.

The frontiers of our day are as untried and as full of risk as the geographical frontiers which challenged the early missionaries, and they demand that we respond to the call to discipleship, and through discipline and

dedication, prepare to be sent as apostles. Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, in the Foreword to the 23rd Annual Report of the Woman's Division says, "The headlines in papers on Saturday may have more influence overseas than the sermons in churches or mission centers on Sunday, hence our concern about social action. The support of missions is a part of our mission, but the latter involves sacrificial living as well as sacrificial giving."

Further evidence of the breakdown in the geographical emphasis of the missionary enterprise is to be seen in the personnel exchange program, in which the Woman's Division is cooperating. In this program, returned missionaries from abroad are working in home projects and deaconesses are rendering valuable service in overseas agencies of the Woman's Division.

What, then, are some of the purposes toward which we should strive in our time, and some of the tasks which we may be called to fulfill? Perhaps, the first is that we should come to a fresh understanding of "Our Mission Today." The Woman's Society is cooperating with the total Church in focusing attention on this theme, "Our Mission Today." The Church-wide study for 1963-64, will be based on the text by Tracy K. Jones, Jr., "Our Mission Today." In his book, Mr. Jones makes it clear that the Mission is God's mission, and because this is true, the mission itself does not change. But missionary eras do change. Old concepts of what comprised a mission field, of what kind of person a missionary was, and of the strategies he employed to do his work, must change as we close one missionary era and enter a new one — one whose outlines are not yet clearly defined. We do know, however, that the factors which confront the Church as it enters upon this new missionary period are so numerous, so complex, and so urgent that Christians are called to complete obedience to the soverign God and to a discovery of His purposes for our lives, as individuals and as a Church.

Tracy Jones says, "The mission field today is a world-wide church confronting a world of unbelief." This statement causes us to consider wherein lies this world of unbelief. First of all, the tremendous population increases, especially among non-Christian peoples, and the resurgence of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam are reducing the percentage of Christians in the world. Today, the percentage of Christians in the total world population is 33%. It is estimated that, if present trends continue, the percentage will drop by the year 2000 to 20% — or 1 in 5. Few of us realize that today, in the United States there are 70,000 Muslims, at least 7,000 of whom have been converted from some form of Christianity in the last twenty-five years. In addition, there are more than 100 Buddhist priests on the mainland of North America. The Hindu is not so much interested in increasing his own membership rolls as in creating a climate in which the Christian will acknowlelge that God uses many ways to lead men to Himself and will recognize values, commensurate to those in Christianity, in all religions. Add to this, the real atheism, in which men deny the existence of God, in our world, and the practical atheism, in which Christians live as though God did not exist, and we can well believe that the missionary task is to a world of unbelief.

This situation serves only to illustrate the need for Christians to recapture the radiance of their faith and to enthusiastically witness to its transforming power in their lives. Dr. George Baker has said, "We get excited about football, and people call us a 'fan'; we get excited about our religion, and people call us a 'fanatic.'" Are we willing to bear the name "fanatic" for our faith?

In this world, so rife with unbelief, Methodist women can be proud that today the Church Center, across from the United Nations Plaza, in New York, stands as a silent witness of the Christian Church to the many non-Christian persons who rcoss the threshold of the United Nations. Built on property purchased by the Woman's Division with money from designated invested funds, which could not be used for its on-going program, the Church Center and the new Episcopal Church Center are the only religious buildings near the United Nations. Among its appointments is a chapel in which devotionals will be conducted daily by outstanding leaders. Though the Meth-

odist Church has taken the initiative in financing this building, its facilities are being offered for ecumenical programming. Dr. Theodore A. Gill, Editor-at-large of **The Christian Century** speaking at Ministers' Week in 1961, said, "We are set in 'the adventuresome church' and 'the reluctant church,' and we have a foot in each." Surely the Church Center is an expression of the "adventuresome church," entering upon a new missionary enterprise in a new missionary era.

The action of the "adventuresome church" is not confined to our day. In May, 1888, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church authorized the establishment of the Deaconess Movement, followed later by similar actions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Miss Frances Willard wrote of this movement, "No action (was) more fully freighted with hope for humanity." Once committed to the acceptance of deaconesses, the Methodist Church entered this new program with zeal and enthusiasm. Women applied in such numbers that by 1917 — just 29 years after the beginning of the movement — the Methodist Episcopal Church had 922 deaconesses on its active rolls. This year, we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement. In a short while, this Annual Meeting will have a special service of recognition for deaconesses. The goal of The Methodist Church is to commission 75 deaconesses in this 75th Anniversary year. Can we again recruit with the power and zeal of those early years? How many from the Louisiana Conference will join "this endless line of splendor?"

It is said that when you want to get an idea across, wrap it up in a person. The Christian faith is more than an idea, but it still depends on persons — deaconesses, missionaries, home missionaries, contract workers, professionally qualified women — to get it across. Recently, twenty-five lay Christians were asked to tell the major influence that had caused them to change from nominal Christians to committed Christians. Without exception, they named a person. The Reverend Billy Graham, speaking at the University of Illinois, told of seeing 4,000 Communist youth in Moscow, parade for one hour, affirming their faith in communism, and pledging themselves to their evangelistic cause. As they marched, they chanted, "We will win the world for communism in this decade." Today, the Church calls for men and women — young, middle-aged, and, in some cases, retired, to go out with equal dedication to win the world for Christ.

This year the Methodist Church needs 221 regular career missionaries to serve in 25 countries overseas and an almost unlimited number of workers in missionary endeavors in the United States. In issuing its call, the Board of Missions said, "One of the great new factors in the church's worldwide mission is the growing recognition that every Christian is, in a real sense, a missionary. It is his responsibility to witness for Christ in whatever place and under whatever circumstances he finds himself. However, there always has been, and always will be, need for those who cross boundaries of nation, language, race, culture, and class to proclaim the Gospel. These people we know as missionaries. They constitute that part of the church which has always been in the vanguard of Christianity's advance into new areas."

In addition to the regular career missionary, the church needs at least 105 young men and women to serve as special term workers overseas and at home. The special term missionary program has been a vital part of the missionary outreach of the church. Since its inception in 1948, 825 persons have served — or are serving — as special term missionaries in 30 countries. The young people, working in this program, do similar work to that of the much publicized Peace Corps. Yet the number who go out under the Church is small compared to the 20,000 Peace Corps applicants in one year. In no sense does the Church compete with the Peace Corps nor discredit its contribution in the countries where it serves. But let us never forget that those who go out under the banner of the Church go out with a ministry to the whole man, supplementing skill and knowledge with an uncalculating Christian love unmatched by any other group or agency.

If blame is to be placed anywhere because more workers do not go out under the Church, perhaps we, in the Church, are at fault. A group of Peace Corps members were asked why they did not volunteer their service through the church. Their answers were direct and startling. They did not know the Church had such a program and they did not have enough Christian knowledge and conviction to represent the Church. Does this not challenge us with our responsibility as mothers and church leaders to confront our youth with the opportunities for service through the Church? And does it not challenge us, who are largely the teachers of youth, to a depth study of our own Christian faith and convictions and how to make them relevant to this world?

This brings us to another need and opportunity in this emerging missionary era: the mission to the minds of men. One of the most startling displays at the Assembly in Atlantic City was the one which showed by moving belts the comparative quantity and rapidity with which literature from the communist world, the western world, and the Christian world are produced. In terms of water, the communist literature might be compared to a flood; the western literature to a stream, and the Christian literature to a trickle. The Russians are spending something over $100,000,000 a year to produce and distribute, without charge, material through which they seek to communicate their atheistic philosophy. To teach the 44% of the people of the world over 15 years of age who are illiterate, to read is not enough. They must be provided with Christian literature. To this end, the Division of World Mission of the Methodist Church has launched a major program to reach unevangelized masses through the printed word and mass communication media. Methodist and Methodist-related churches in 44 lands are cooperating. Cooperative with the Woman's Division, the Division of World Missions has assigned Miss Doris Hess, a missionary journalist, the task of coordinating the entire Christian literature program of the Division around the world. In addition, the Woman's Division has pledged $100,000 a year for five years to an ecumenical program of Christian literature production around the world. This sum will be matched by grants from other mission boards.

Close at home is the educational program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, which has, through the years, been a mission to our minds, as well as to our hearts and our wills to act. Wilfred A. Peterson, in one of his series of **Words To Live By,** called **The Art of Action,** says: "All progress flows from man's mind in action — The greatest truths of God and the mightest ideas of man remain static and unfruitful when imprisoned in books and chained to pages of paper." Another has said:

"Action without study is fatal;
Study without action is futile."

The Christian mission to the minds of men helps to provide both the knowledge and the motivation for Christian witness, whether here at home or in some far removed spot.

These are only a few of the tasks that call for fulfillment in our day, and only a few of the purposes that beckon in our time. Perhaps, the perfect text for us, according to Elton Trueblood, is I Corinthians 16:9: "A wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." The facing of our adversaries calls for individual spiritual renewal and the recognition that the Christian Church is still "the symbol of man's highest aspiration and deepest commitment." In this Aldersgate Year, we are called to study the Book of Romans with the thought that in study and devotion we may capture — or recapture — the heart-warming experience of the founder of Methodism. In our search for spiritual growth, we are challenged to reappraise our spiritual experience and our mission; to recognize that quietness before God is not cessation from mental activity; and to understand that the spiritual life is not escape **from** life but **entrance into** life.

Once again, let me quote from Trueblood's book, **The Company of the Committed:** "Commitment is never real unless it leads to mission, and the mission of Christians is always one that points forward." In 1965, the Wo-

man's Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary. We can review with humble pride the accomplishments of the past quarter century. Great advances were made in financial giving, in membership growth, in new mission projects opened, and in forward steps in many areas of social action. Yet, as we look to the future, we are challenged by both the needs and the opportunities which confront us. A great missionary program lags in financial support, when giving through pledge fails by $800,000 to bring in the amount needed. A decreasing membership in Society and Guild is a concern which opens up a wide door for creative approaches to the womanhood of the church. The limited response of young people to the call of God for service in the Church confronts us with the need to reappraise our Christian witness as parents and as church leaders.

The problems inherent in these facts are both real and urgent, but they are not hopeless of solution. Already we know many of the factors which have entered into these conditions. In some measure, they reflect the changes which are a part of the new missionary era. If the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society is to move forward and if we, as individuals, are truly a part of "The Company of the Committed," we will return to our local Societies and Guilds determined to reverse these trends.

Last year, Hadassah, Jewish Woman's Organization, celebrated its 50th anniversary. The national chairman of the golden jubilee, Mrs. Rose Halprin, said: "We're not an organization, we're a way of life. It makes us reach a little higher. If you make an organization hold on to the high principles it had at its founding, you cannot only reach 50 years, but go on and on."

The Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild are a way of life — a noble way of life. The principles on which its foundation was laid still guide its destiny, and we, too, can go on and on. The words which Noreen Dunn Tatum used in her book, **A Crown of Service**, to pay tribute to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at its birth can be brought up to date, the verbs changed to the present tense, and be as appropriate now as then. With the changes indicated, I quote, "No other woman's organization in the world has a more glorious past or a more promising future. It stands unexcelled in its sincerity of purpose, depth of spirituality, in numerical strength, and in opportunity for service in a world of unprecedented need. —there is the thrilling sense of standing on the threshold of a great adventure. The way will not be smooth, nor the passage perfect, but we face the new era with the light of confidence in our eyes and the peace of the Master in our hearts."

To our time there is a purpose — and a task to fulfill. Discovery and Commitment are up to us.

OUR MISSION TODAY
QUADRENNIAL EMPHASIS
1960 - 1964

1. **THE FAITH THAT COMPELS US:** to Bring to Bear on All Human Life the Spirit and Principles of Christ
2. **FRONTIERS THAT CALL US:** Secularism, Resurgence of Non-Christian Religions, Barriers of Race and Culture, Urbanization, Nationalism
3. **FACTORS THAT CONFRONT US:** Rapid Social Change, New Patterns of Family Life, Population Explosions, International Tensions, Changing Trends in Missions
4. **THE PROGRAM THAT UNITES US IN WITNESS AND SERVICE:** Developing the Spiritual Life, Studying the Needs of the World, Strengthening the Local Church, Improving Community, National and World Conditions, Recruiting Workers, Securing Funds for Support of the Work at Home and Abroad

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. M. R. Tatum

The Program Book, **"Called, Confronted, Compelled,"** presented a big change and challenge to the women with four blocks of undated programs. There were three extra programs. This necessitated the choice of programs to meet the needs of the local society. Much ingenuity and diversity was shown in program planning, yet the underlying themes, **"Missions," "United Effort," "Teaching Our Children,"** and **"Special Programs"** were evidenced in all.

There were eight districts reporting, Lake Charles District reporting 100%. 88% of all societies reported, with 87% using the programs from the Program Book and 245 societies having a Committee on Program. The most popular source of material for circle programs are: 1) **Program Book,** 2) **Methodist Woman,** and 3) **World Outlook.**

Special days observed were Week of Prayer and Self Denial (253), Thank Offering (53), United Nations Day (55), World Community Day (65), Day Apart (54), Human Rights Day (11), World Day of Prayer (190), May Fellowship (72).

The World Federation of Methodist Women was presented by 171 societies. Many and varied ways were used to present the World Federation, with the most popular found in the articles appearing in the **Methodist Woman.**

282 societies reported action as a result of programs and study. 571 Study Courses were reported by societies.

Through the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, we have been **Called** to unite our efforts toward peace, **Confronted** with many factors that would keep us separated from our brother man, and **Compelled** by our faith in Jesus Christ to bring to bear on all human life the principles and spirit of our living Christ.

Recommendations

"The Vice President is an important person in any organization, for there is always the possibility that the leadership will fall on her. In the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Vice President has an additional importance, all her own, because of her tremendous responsibilities. — The work of the Vice President reaches far beyond the local church — It touches national and international life with the purpose of establishing a world Christian community." —the Handbook for the Vice President.

Therefore, we recommend that each vice-president:

1. Secure the needed materials and tools to equip herself for the responsibilities of her office.
2. Maintain an active file of Handbook for Vice Presidents, the current program book, **The Methodist Woman** and the **World Outlook, The Woman's Division Report, Do You Know** booklets for home and foreign fields, the **Prayer Calendar,** clippings from newspaper and magazine articles.
3. Take every opportunity for further training by attending sub-district, district, and conference meetings, seminars, workshops, officers' training days, and School of Missions.
4. Continue to promote the use of monthly program material published by the Woman's Division.
5. Promote action that will contribute to the ongoing program of the Woman's Society.
6. Seek for accuracy in reporting and report to the district vice-president on November 15 and May 15.

The Committee on Program:

1. Schedule at least four meetings of the committee on program for planning and evaluation.
2. Share with all members of the committee the responsibility of developing the total program.
3. Plan the society and circle programs from the suggested material in the current program book.
4. Study and use modern techniques of program presentation and use them to enhance a well balanced program of worship, education, fellowship, and action.
5. Help develop leadership by including as many different women as possible in program presentation.
6. Evaluate past programs before planning new.
7. Plan programs that will accomplish the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
8. Whenever possible use returned missionaries and workers as program personnel.

World Federation of Methodist Women:

1. Seek the fellowship and friendship of members of other units through correspondence.
2. Present bits of news concerning the work of Methodist women in other countries found in the Methodist Woman and World Outlook magazines.
3. Own and use the Handbook of the World Federation of Methodist Women—1961—1966.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas

The **Twenty-Second Annual Report** of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, printed by the Savoy Printing Company, was off the press in August, 1962. Eight hundred fifty copies were printed, each having 151 pages, at a cost of $7.90 per page and $47.70 for the cover, plus tax. The total cost of publishing and mailing the Annual Report was $1,312.68. Seven hundred copies were mailed. Others were distributed to district officers for their use or for sale in their districts. Fifty-four copies were sold at seventy-five cents per copy.

In order that the vast amount of work and the expenditure of money involved in publishing the Annual Report may be justified, we urge that it be used by every local society and every conference and district officer, to whom copies are mailed without charge.

Recommendations

R ecord minutes as soon as possible after the meeting before the notes "get cold."

E arly is the time to arrive for each meeting, prepare table and place chair and be ready to read and take minutes when called upon.

C all the meeting to order in the absence of both the president and the vice-president, and preside until a temporary chairman can be elected.

O wn and use copies of **A Guide,** Constitution and Bylaws, the current Annual Report of both Conference and Division, **The Methodist Woman, World Outlook.**

R eport the full name of each person answering roll call, making a motion, or participating on program. Use husband's name or initials for married women.

D o learn the correct terminology and use it; never use abbreviations, except when copying reports of others.

I nsist that "movers of motions" and "givers of reports" give you these in written form, especially if these are complicated or detailed.

N ever fail to take full advantage of all training opportunities on all levels.

G ive the president full assistance in preparing the agenda for each meeting.

S end to the president a copy of the minutes as soon as prepared and mail copies to all members of the Executive Committee, if required.
E nter all main motions in the minutes, whether lost or carried, but do not enter motions that are withdrawn.
C ount, along with the president, votes "for" and "against" in a count vote and record the number of each in the minutes. In an election, record total votes cast and total cast for each nominee.
R ecord minutes in a permanent book and read from the permanent copy; make corrections on the permanent copy.
E nter and keep an accurate roll of members.
T he phrase "respectfully submitted," at the end of the minutes, is not good form; just sign your name in the lower right hand corner.
A ttach to the minutes all statistical reports that should be a matter of record.
R emember that it is not necessary to include the name of the seconder of a motion—only the full name of the maker.
Y ou are the historian of your society; be sure that your report is correct.

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Financial Statement

Woman's Society of Christian Service
Louisiana Conference
May 20, 1962 — May 20, 1963

Explanation			Details	Amounts
Cash Balance, May 20, 1962:				
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.—Supply Account			4,355.82	
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.—Special Account			2,809.33	
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.			3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans			4,674.67	
Total				14,839.82
Receipts:				
Districts:	**Pledged**	**Paid**		
Alexandria	11,340.00	11,514.52		
Baton Rouge	19,690.00	21,143.47		
Lafayette	10,100.00	10,908.74		
Lake Charles	14,500.00	16,375.09		
Monroe	16,000.00	16,049.30		
New Orleans	16,500.00	17,594.19		
Ruston	13,650.00	13,952.12		
Shreveport	29,076.00	29,114.69		
Totals	130,856.00		136,652.12	
Collections and Offerings:				
Conference				
Woman's Society School of Missions		197.72		
Woman's Society In Remembrance		10.00		
Annual Meeting — WSCS		255.96		
Corsages for Missions — WSCS		311.85		
Guild, In Remembrance Gift		23.00		
Guild Membership (Honorary)		100.00		
Guild Annual Meeting, Communion Offering		185.68		
Guild Corsages for Missions, Annual Meeting		100.00	1,184.21	
Children			108.99	
Total on Appropriations			137,945.32	

Explanation		Details	Amounts
Other:			
Cash for supply work	18,330.11		
Call to prayer	8,907.55		
Supplementary	147.03		
Alcohol education	2,094.30		
Transient Funds—miscellaneous	2,765.94	32,244.93	
Returns to Cultivation:			
Refunds —			
Assembly	88.00		
Christian Social Relations	90.62		
Jurisdiction School of Missions	243.56		
Tour funds (Miss Louise Sharp)	450.00		
Jurisdiction Exec. Meeting (Mrs. Dameron)	40.08		
Meeting, "Our Mission Today"	44.43		
Annual Meeting (Bishop Walton)	50.00		
Guild Annual Meeting	157.89		
Guild Worship Service offering	121.27		
Collection, Guild weekend	195.75		
Annual Reports sold	40.00		
Service books sold	2.00		
Guild Coaching Conference	23.10		
Dividend - Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn.	127.50		
Interest - First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	247.38		
Cashing check WSCS	6.82	1,928.40	
		172,118.65	
Amounts sent direct to Woman's Division		3,111.78	175,230.43
Total to be accounted for			190,070.25
Disbursements:			
Woman's Division of Christian Service:			
W.S.C.S.			
Pledge	90,534.63		
Memberships	8,515.00		
My World Bank	3,308.41		
In Remembrance	1,008.10		
Study Book Projects	2,132.73		
Love Gifts, Honor Gifts	83.26		
Honorarium	25.00		
Conference —			
School of Missions offering	197.72		
In Remembrance	10.00		
Annual Meeting offering	255.96		
Corsages for Missions	311.85	106,382.66	
Guild:			
Pledge	15,267.98		
Memberships	2,020.00		
My World Bank	340.03		
In Remembrance	285.00		
Study Book Projects	186.98		
Weekend	60.64		
Honorarium	25.00		
Conference —			
In Remembrance gift	23.00		
Annual Meeting offering	185.68		
Corsages for Misions	100.00	18,494.31	
Total on Pledges		124,876.97	

Explanation			Details	Amounts
Brought Forward:				190,070.25
Children			108.99	
Supply Work:				
W.S.C.S		15,880.65		
Guild		2,449.46	18,330.11	
Call to Prayer:				
W.S.C.S.		7,336.08		
Guild		1,571.47	8,907.55	
Supplementary:				
W.S.C.S.		82.53		
Guild		64.50	147.03	
Total to Woman's Division			152,370.65	
Amounts sent direct to Woman's Division			3,111.78	
Total			155,482.43	
Conference Cultivation:	**Budgeted**	**Disbursed**		
Officers expense	1,500.00	1,254.12		
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	1,844.17		
Annual Report	1,400.00	1,312.68		
Mid-Year Exec. Meeting	250.00	174.59		
Jurisdiction:				
Meeting	750.00	286.89		
School of Missions	650.00	561.41		
Cultivation	700.00	689.20		
Conference:				
School of Missions	1,700.00	861.70		
Youth Director	600.00	600.00		
News	625.00	326.17		
Christian Social Relations	300.00	150.00		
Christian Vocations	200.00	75.00		
Cooperative Meetings	300.00	247.59		
Miscellaneous	775.00	236.51		
Guild	1,700.00	1,716.81		
Division Cultivation	70.00	69.00		
Totals	13,020.00	10,405.84		
Other:				
District Officer Training		937.67		
Youth Tour		1,600.00		
Recruitment Fund		60.00		
Rural Worker		920.00		
Alcohol Education		2,094.30		
Alcohol Education (4th Qtr. 61/62)		822.05		
Transient Funds		2,724.50		
Totals		9,158.52	19,564.36	175,046.79
Balance, May 20, 1963				15,023.46
Distributed as follows:				
First Federal Saving & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.—Supply Account			3,438.56	
First Federal Saving & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.—Special Account			1,293.97	
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.			3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans			7,290.93	
Total				15,023.46

Accountant's Opinion

I have examined the Statement of Cash and Fund Balances and the Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Louisiana Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the period from May 20, 1962 through May 20, 1963. My examination was made in accordance with

generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such texts of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the cash and fund balances as of May 20, 1963 and the cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

My examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules of Receipts from Districts, Conference Cultivation Fund, and Payments on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service for the same period, and, in my opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

J. LOUIS FORD
Certified Public Accountant

June 12, 1963

Recommendations

For recommendations of Committee on Finance adopted at 1963 Annual Meeting, see page 55.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary

This has been a very exciting year for Children's Work. **Fourteen teachers in Louisiana** churches participated in experimental teaching for the New **Christian Studies Curriculum for Methodist Children.**

There has been more cooperation between the Conference and District Directors of Children's Work this year and the Conference and District Secretaries of Children's Work. We have seen that the work can be carried on much more effectively if we work together. Therefore the Louisiana Council of Children's Workers has invited the District Secretaries of Children's Work to be part of the Council.

Reports from the local secretaries have been more encouraging this year. We find that many are taking advantage of training institutes. They are learning what **additional sessions** for children are and where to send the offering taken.

This has been a good year and we hope to work more diligently next year with the wonderful children God has given to us.

Recommendations

We look forward to another year of progress in children's work. The cooperative planning and working of secretaries and directors the past two years has laid a marvelous foundation for our continued growth in working with the children of our church. The following recommendations are prayerfully submitted for the year 1963-1964: that we

1. Encourage the election of a qualified person as Secretary of Children's work in each local Woman's Society.
2. Stress the importance of attendance and participation in officer's training day.
3. Encourage the reading and use of information published in the booklets and leaflets for children's work. This includes the periodicals, **Child Guidance, Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**
4. As conference and district secretaries, call attention to the above publications and refer often to the information given in the pages designated for our work.
5. As Secretary of Children's Work we should attend the executive meetings—conference, district and local—, all seminars, and other meetings called by the president on each of the above levels.

6. We inform the women of the progress of children's work, the needs, and inspire the women of every local church with the importance of our concern for children.
7. Continue our cooperation with all boards of education, which includes training for the new curriculum, and spell out the responsibility of expense for attending all meetings.
8. Work diligently to interpret the children's service fund, the report blank and REPORTING ON TIME, and last but not least, the value of missionary education of children.

Refer to 1962 recommendations in regard to other activities.

Stop

S — Study and keep informed.
T — Tell and inspire.
O — Originate more children's secretaries
P — Pray and Plan.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Secretary

The continued need and urgency for understanding "Our Mission Today" in a world of growing unrest makes imperative the necessity for reexamining ourselves and the Church. With the Pronouncements of the General Conference of the Methodist Church regarding the Rights of Man and Our Responsibility, have we kept abreast in our conclusions, beliefs and our attitudes? Have we sincerely sought to know the Mind of Christ, make it our own and given the support necessary to make it workable and effective in the every day lives of all people? Have our minds and hearts been open to the cry of the sick, the hungry, the lonely and the oppressed? As Christians, their needs wherever found, are our concern and responsibility. As World citizens it is imperative, for basic survival, that we give ourselves to their relief and the solving of the pressing problems which are the bases of the revolutionary conditions we find today.

More and more we are looking toward the conquest of Space which will make us citizens of the Universe but have we yet learned to live together as World citizens? Has mankind risen to this state before, only to be plunged back to a beginning again? Has he missed the opportunity because his heart has not kept pace with his mind?

The past year has seen genuine and sincere effort to relieve many of these conditions in our local communities. Methodist women have worked with such agencies as the Salvation Army, Good Will Industries, Migrant Workers, Hospital Auxiliaries, Juvenile Councils, Schools for retarded children, Welfare, United Church Women, Louisiana Organization for State Legislation, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, League of Women Voters and Care. They have given relief to destitute families, cared for homeless children and sent blankets to World Service. This has been in answer to Jesus' command, "Feed my sheep--care for the sick, comfort the lonely."

Many have conducted study classes relative to the work of the Department of Christian Social Relations as well as in other areas. Still others have sat in the classes and had a part in constructive action coming out of study.

In cooperation with the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Church a Seminar on "The Church and the United Nations" was held in the conference. There is a growing awareness of the encroachment on the field of Public Education, a serious breach of Separation of Church and State.

Some effort is being made toward study and understanding the problems that face every community in race relations. Women are seeking to find the way of adjustment and acceptance that will be necessary in the

days and months ahead if we are to achieve the transition from an old way of life to a new without the tragic situations we see in our neighbor states. We believe progress has been made in many areas but recognize the tremendous tasks ahead. Each must and will find her place of service and begin where the need is. Together we will offer ourselves for the good of all and for the glory of God.

Financial Statement — Christian Social Relations

Bank Deposit	$150.00
Disbursements:	
Louisiana Organization For State Legislation — Dues	25.00
Transportation to two meetings of Louisiana Organization for State Legislation	20.00
United Nations Seminar	5.00
Bishop's Special Committee Report sent to every local society	15.00
Miscellaneous Literature	4.50
Telephone	4.85
Total Disbursements	$ 74.35
On hand, June 1, 1963	$ 75.65

Recommendations

As we continue to seek an understanding of "Our Mission Today" we offer the following recommendations on some of the issues that confront us.

It is recommended:

1. That we study the National Issues as listed in the January 1963 **Methodist Woman.** Study the status of those issues that received the approval of the Woman's Division, which failed to pass the 87th Congress, then express yourself concerning these issues.
2. Foreign Aid: This deserves the study of Methodist Women, especially as to the philosophy of Foreign Aid. Give this your careful consideration.
3. Assistance Programs: This is vital to our welfare at home and abroad. We urge careful study be given to this.
4. Migrant Workers: That we seek to improve the conditions of the life and work of agricultural migrants. (This is an area of concern where we can work closely with the Council of Churches, who have made this one of their major concerns.)
5. Quadrennial Program on Race: Continue to study and work toward the ratification of the New Racial Charter. Promote the manual "We Can and We Will:" "Two Decades, Progress and Promise:" "The Central Jurisdiction Speaks," a leaflet: and the filmstrip, "An Inclusive Church."
6. Board of Christian Social Concerns: "Moral Man and Moral Society" (Quadrennial Emphasis) under Division of Temperance and General Welfare. We are to cooperate in this emphasis at all levels.
7. That we continue to support Cooperative United Nations Seminars and help to promote the continuation of the World Understanding Program.
8. That we continue to explore vital issues in local societies and conference situations by means of Citizenship Brunches, Seminars in Miniature and Workshops on World Trade, Housing, and the Family in a World of Rapid Social Change.
9. The Church Peace Center: Promote the purpose of the Center, and call attention to the need for funds to furnish the Methodist floor.
10. That we promote the 1963 study, "The Family and its Money" by David Greybeal.

LITERATURE

Mrs. Warren M. Orr, Secretary

Did you notice the new terminology? It is official that we may drop the "publications" from our title. All material bearing the imprint of the Woman's Division, and two fine family home journals, **The Methodist Woman** and **The World Outlook,** telling the story of Methodism's missionary program at home and around the world in one glance, is sheer literature.

This spring, along with many dedicated Secretaries of Literature, we launched Out-of-This-World April Combination Drive for new readers. We need to salute our new STARS at Literature Headquarters for their spectacular vision in acquainting the membership with these real treasures at our fingertips, **The Methodist Woman** and **The World Outlook,** whose pages contain glimpses of the world to challenge and interest everyone. For Officers and Secretaries, they provide tools for your job of skilled leadership and there are pages each month to remind you what to do. For Circle Chairmen, there are program helps, devotional material, and, for easy reference, the Year's Index of articles in December Issue. For "just members" they provide news about people and places near and far; editorials in World Outlook to stimulate your thinking; news and views you can trust through the eyes of The Methodist Church to widen your horizons and deepen your sense of mission. Both magazines are instruments of the mission of the church to assist Methodists to share as fully as possible in the life and work of the church. While many persons blindly scurry to get and spend, untold thousands do pause to savor the wonders of life and know God has the whole world in His hands, eager to share the wonders of abundant life with His children, but He does have a right to expect dedication and discipleship. Yet, May 15th reports announce only 17 New Combinations won for the entire Louisiana Conference and a loss of subscriptions. The promotion packet was excellent, yet the attitude of defeat put fear in hearts, and only half of the local secretaries report promoting the Drive. We are called to please God, not man. What is required of you and me is that we make the most of such gifts as we possess. We are not asked to do the impossible but only what we can. We must put our **Faith** to work, **Believe, Trust** and **Obey** and present our **literature.** Our task is to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord in "Witness through Service."

I like to think of our Recommendations for 1963-64 as Blueprints for Better Workmen for God. Blue denotes dedication and loyalty. The Spirit inspired the thought, and my friend, Mrs. James Forsythe, made my message come alive in posters at Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting. We must give impetus to the trickle of Christian Literature until it becomes a flood. The Woman's Division feels so strongly about this matter that at its Annual Meeting in January, $500,000 was pledged to World Literacy and Christian Literature (Lit-Lit), in addition to the money already marked for Llterature in the Mission field. A wider door for effective work has been opened by Methodist Women. We can no longer sit and listen. Let your secretary of Literature put you in the Leader's seat with the proper tools: INDISPENSABLE: The Program Book, **The Methodist Woman,** Handbooks, Catalog; INFORMATIVE: 23rd Annual Report of Woman's Division and Louisiana Conference; INSPIRATIONAL: **Prayer Calendar,** Spiritual Life Packet; IMPELLING: Textbooks for the Approved Studies. There is a great urgency to take our **Study Days,** not **daze** seriously.

Recommendations

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Every society elect a secretary of LITERATURE or assign her duties to some officer. She should: know Church Account Number at LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS; dedicate herself to know CONTENTS of current ANNUAL REPORTS of the WOMAN'S DIVISION and LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, and lovingly urge each Officer and Secretary to READ same.

2. **EACH LOCAL SECRETARY:**
   A. Be prompt in handling materials sent the society through her. She is a direct channel of communication from LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS. Report and Record Books are immediately turned over to Secretary of PROMOTION, Treasurer's Pad to Treasurer!
   B. Use the SUBSCRIPTION RECORD BOOK with its ACCOUNT NUMBER, and keep it as an accurate record of her efficient work to pass on. Contact LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS if Society has none or needs NEW one.
   C. Make herself an invaluable asset to the Program Committee of which she is a member, because she is familiar with the contents of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, and has READ programs and ordered suggested free supplementary materials in advance, and shares it with Committee. She can make the difference between a mediocre or successful society.

3. **EACH LOCAL AND DISTRICT SECRETARY:**
   A. Recognize that the purpose of the LITERATURE is to strengthen the total mission program of the church. Secure funds for NEW Literature in society budget.
   B. Secure and USE a COMBINATION SUBSCRIPTION to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. She cannot sell a product she does not know personally. Display and discuss these at every meeting. Encourage a current file of publications in every Church Library for reference.
   C. Consult the back of THE METHODIST WOMAN and page on LITERATURE each MONTH and pass on information about NEW material to each officer concerned.
   D. Constantly work for subscribers to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK with special emphasis during stated CAMPAIGNS.
   E. STUDY and **RE-STUDY** the HANDBOOK on LITERATURE and the REPORT BLANKS.
   F. Keep accurate NOTEBOOK of all YOUR ACTIVITIES, making REPORT TIME an exciting recollection of your BEST EFFORTS to share paths of SERVICE open to all. Report fully, and ON TIME.

4. **EACH DISTRICT SECRETARY:**
   A. Assume full responsibility for ordering, displaying and selling LITERATURE at Schools and Seminars and ANNUAL MEETINGS. (This service can be enhanced by contacting teachers and leaders for their suggestions before ordering.)
   B. Study and analyze each report, and send SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.
   C. Make a special effort to attend the SCHOOL OF MISSIONS.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

Every person who attended our School of Missions and Educational Seminars gained new knowledge and methods by which this knowledge could be shared with her family and any local group.

The study of problems of "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World" and recognition of the many church sponsored services for "People of Special Need" made the family aware of its own needs and those of the community in which it lives.

The study, "Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia," gave us evidence of the importance of the Rim countries and their small but creative Christian communities.

Throughout the study activities was the concern for personal spiritual development, which this year was centered in the study on Prayer. To achieve a prayer life that is intelligent, regular, constant and genuine is the purpose toward which all of us are working.

Participation in the study programs in societies and guild units using approved texts and resource material as recommended, resulted in understanding and appreciation for persons who differ in nationality and culture.

As the year came to a close the Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds had participated in 926 approved study classes, with enrolled membership of 12,032: 349 qualified for Jurisdiction Recognition, 29 attained Efficiency Standard, and 548 classified at "Other Classes." The Church-wide studies are increasing.

Ten Educational Seminars were held in 1962: Woman's Society of Christian Service, 8, and Wesleyan Service Guild, 2. The total number attending Seminars was 1,471.

Jurisdiction Recognition by Districts
1962-1963

Districts	WSCS	WSG	Total
Alexandria	56	10	66
Baton Rouge	43	11	54
Lafayette	30	4	34
Lake Charles	26	10	36
Monroe	16	8	24
New Orleans	37	10	47
Ruston	26	8	34
Shreveport	38	16	54
	272	77	349

(For **School of Missions** report see page 97.)

Recommendations

We recommend:

1. That continued care be given in the selection of secretaries of missionary education and service with consideration being given to personal commitment and aptitude for generating interest in missions.
2. That through a careful study of the Handbook (1960-64) she inform herself of the opportunities, privileges and responsibilities of her office and keep complete and accurate reports.
3. That a concerted effort be made to attain goals for attendance at Conference School of Missions and Christian Service. This is a **MUST** for officers, secretaries and chairmen in the pattern of attendance. (See page 49 in Handbook.)
4. That each local society set up plans to have one or more persons in attendance at the Conference School of Missions.
5. That the Calendar of Studies for 1963-64 be as follows:

   September: The Christian Family and Its Money
   January: The Changing City Challenges the Church
   March: An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics
   May: The Christian Mission in Southern Asia

   and that the Society cooperate with the Commission on Missions in the churchwide study (**Our Mission Today** by Tracey Jones) whenever it is offered.
6. That continued emphasis be placed on need for improving quality of work by study groups, striving for an increase in number of classes meeting the Jurisdiction Recognition and Efficiency Standards. (Use 1962-63 report as a basis of comparison.)

7. That the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service keep in close contact with the Chairman of Missionary Education and Service (Wesleyan Service Guild).
8. That the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be undergirded with prayer.
   "Constant vision, and nothing else, of Him who is invisible can keep us steadfast and faithful to the end."

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary

It is gratifying to note the progress that is being made in the field of recruitment. This is a reflection of the very excellent preparation and cultivation of the past years under the direction of the former Secretary of Missionary Personnel and the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations. There seems to be a growing awareness of the urgent need for dedicated young people—and older as well—who will devote themselves to full-time service under the direction of the Church.

Miss Merry Fife represented the Louisiana Conference at the Christian Vocations Week-End held in Kansas City in October. For several years we have had participants in this important seminar.

The districts are continuing to have excellent clinics and workshops on Christian Vocations. In these the District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel have participated to the fullest extent.

Cooperation has been extended in all possible ways to the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations. Plans are underway for further implementing this cooperation within the districts and in local churches.

This past summer our conference had full representation at the youth section of the Missionary Conference on Mt. Sequoyah. Other opportunities afforded young people to become more aware of the mission and outreach of the church have been outstandingly successful. Thirty-two young people attended the School of Missions at Centenary College and received information and inspiration from those who are actively engaged in the work of the church. The first mission tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and directed by Miss Louise Sharp gave insight to 33 youth concerning the vast scope of services rendered by the church. Another such tour is planned for the summer of 1963 under Miss Sharp's direction.

A feature of the Annual Meeting Program was a panel discussion by five young people concerning their experiences which have led to consideration of full-time Christian service. They urged parental understanding in the search by young people for life work that will fulfill basic needs and desires.

We are delighted to report that there is one accepted candidate for the deaconess relationship and several other young women are considering this relationship.

The need for the professionally qualified woman to serve within the church has been stressed in district meetings of both the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Much emphasis needs to be placed here within the local church.

The challenge to young people will be lifted this summer in Youth Assembly, workshops, and camps. It is our prayer that continuing emphasis and concern in recruitment will bear real fruit in the years to come.

Recommendations

Because the needs for trained, dedicated leadership continue to be most urgent and our responsibilities in this area are heavy, it is recommended:

1. That each member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild seek, first of all, to be a witness in Christian living so that her life may be a challenge for Christian service

to youth and that in daily meditation and prayer she seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very important task of recruitment.

2. That Secretaries of Missionary Personnel on all levels make themselves thoroughly familiar with materials on Christian Vocations, know the requirements and qualifications for church related service, and have adequate information concerning National College and Scarritt College.
3. That the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel cooperate with Secretaries of Youth Work and Student Work at all levels in presenting the philosophy, challenge, needs, and opportunities of Christian service to parents, to youth, to students, and to young adults.
4. That, wherever possible, missionaries, deaconesses, and special term workers be itinerated for local, district, and conference meetings to present the work of the fields.
5. That the Secretary of Missionary Personnel cooperate fully with her Conference Commission on Christian Vocations that the program of recruitment may be strengthened and extended in each conference. It is desirable that in addition to district career conferences for high school level young people and conference-wide for college students, special opportunities for guidance be made possible for junior and senior college students who have made a commitment for full-time service to the church.
6. That special and concentrated efforts be made to interest the professionally qualified woman in a church related vocation in order that urgent needs may be filled without delay.
7. That each conference send at least one junior or senior college girl who is interested in a church related vocation to the Church Related Vocations Week-End at National College in October.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Secretary

The ultimate goal of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is having a part in sending forth missionaries and deaconesses with the message "Christ is the Way." Each of us is happy to have a part in this great venture! We feel that it is a real privilege to know them through letters, if not personally.

We have four from the Louisiana Conference at work in foreign fields: Miss Elma Ashby, a nurse in Southern Rhodesia, Africa; Miss Dorothea Brown, a teacher in a Methodist Mission, Monrovia, West Africa; Dr. Vela Cleveland, Ellen T. Cowan Memorial Hospital, Kolar, Mysore State, India; Miss Margaret Wade Campbell, Centro Cristiano Chihuahua Chih., Mexico.

At home, we have forty-two workers who have gone from Louisiana to serve elsewhere or have come to serve within our conference, and six from Louisiana who are retired.

We have attempted to keep in touch with all of our workers through letters or cards on birthdays and at Christmas, to make them aware that they are on our prayer list and have our love and concern. This means much to them as well as to us.

One hundred eighty cards and letters have been sent through this office this year.

Recommendations

For the local and district secretaries of Missionary Education and SERVICE.

To accept our share of the responsibility, this last year of the quadrennium, for the "Program that Unites Us in Witness and Service," we recommend that you:

1. Study the **Twenty-Third Annual Report, Do You Know** Booklets, (Home and Foreign), **Prayer Calendar, Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**

2. Observe the 75th Anniversary of Deaconess Work in some special way. Read articles in all Methodist publications on the deaconess and her work. Pass this information on through programs, using skits, posters, slides and the film "Make All Things New."
3. Use deaconesses or missionaries (retired or on furlough) as speakers for local and district meetings. Encourage youth leaders to use them on Methodist Youth Fellowship programs.
4. Share the responsibility of discovering and cultivating new recruits with the secretary of Missionary Personnel.
5. Use the **Prayer Calendar** to undergird deaconesses, missionaries and their work. Make the need for more deaconesses and missionaries paramount in your petitions.
6. Encourage members of your society to remember their adopted worker with a card on special occasions, such as birthday and Easter.

PROMOTION

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary

Despite the fact that the statistical table shows a loss in both membership and the number of societies and guilds, the women of the Louisiana Conference have had a wonderful year of worship, study and fellowship together in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Even so, the progressive loss in membership is a problem that should be on all our hearts. There are still too many Methodist women who are not enjoying the fuller service to their Master which they could know through active participation in the Woman's Society or Guild.

Louisiana was represented at the Sixth Assembly in Atlantic City by its full quota of delegates. Those who went returned home and shared the program of the Assembly with the local women by talks and by showing the filmstrip of the Assembly at zone meetings and at local churches.

Miss Jenny Mo Horton, a deaconess on special assignment to help the Methodist Church become more aware of the needs and opportunities for professionally qualifed women in missionary and deaconess service, itinerated the Conference, speaking to meetings of both the Woman's Societies and the Guilds. She made some definite contacts with women seriously considering changing to church related vocations. Time alone can show the real impact of her visit.

The conference wide training for district officers and secretaries of lines of work held in Alexandria was well attended. The women who came felt the sessions there prepared them to go back to their respective districts and hold training for local officers in zone meetings. These meetings were held in May in all districts except Alexandria and good attendance was reported at all of them. The Alexandria District will conduct officer training in October.

All of the districts, especially the Ruston district, were glad to report overpayment of pledge. The Lafayette, Ruston, and Shreveport districts were 100% reporting for both periods with Shreveport having the enviable record of 100% reporting since it was organized. New Orleans has the distinction of being the only district 100% organized. Both the Lake Charles and the Baton Rouge Districts held district wide Day Apart services to deepen the spiritual life of the women in their districts. Societies in the Monroe District worked together to make our Annual Meeting a wonderful success and were richly blessed. Because of the stimulating presentation of the total program of the work of the Woman's Division, several new women were challenged to accept the responsibility of district offices.

The girls who attended School of Missions have been used in various study presentations in all the districts and have been an inspiration to the women.

Throughout the Conference, district officers have been working on programs of visitation to all societies in their respective districts to promote the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to try to bring

about a closer relationship between the district officers and the local women. This has been a rewarding year and much has been accomplished — but much remains to be done. Let us hope the women of Louisiana will feel **Called, Confronted** and **Compelled** toward greater service as we seek to fulfill **Our Mission Today.**

Annual Report
1962-1963

Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	37	58	31	28	48	38	39	47	326
No. Reporting	30	56	31	28	44	37	41	47	314
100% Reporting			1,2	2		1	1,2	1,2	50%
New Societies		1	1		1			1	4
No. Unorganized Churches	3	17	3	3	6	0	33	12	77
Membership WSCS	1089	2058	1140	1361	1637	1787	1514	2587	13173
District Members	38	0	12	6	11	22	26	2	117
No. Units, WSG	11	16	7	14	16	16	11	16	107
No. Reporting	4	10	7	13	16	16	11	16	93
Membership WSG	198	317	137	228	267	262	248	276	1933
Total Adult Membership	1325	2375	1289	1595	1915	2071	1788	2865	15233
No. Societies:									
Represented at Ann. Meeting	18	21	14	12	20	19	15	25	144
Pledge Serv.	20	35	30	25	30	32	32	43	247
Officer Train.	3	22	18	19	26	4	17	31	140
Joint Meeting with WSG	4	6	1	9	10	4	9	7	50

Conference Totals for Years	**1961-1962**	**1962-1963**	**Net Gain**
Number Societies	332	326	-6
Number Unorganized Churches	41	77	36
Membership, WSCS	13662	13173	-489
District Members	120	117	-3
Total Membership, WSCS	13782	13290	-492
Number WSG Units	114	107	-7
Membership, WSG	2194	1933	-261

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That we continue to work toward the goal of a society in every church.
2. That we seek to strengthen the small society, using the new leaflet, THE SMALL SOCIETY, as needed.
3. That cultivation of District Members be continued in places where organization of a society or a guild is not feasible.
4. That all societies make leadership training available through Officers Training Days in local societies, and that members be encouraged to avail themselves of training opportunities which may be held in District, Zone, and Conference meetings, schools, or training days.

5. That study of the course, THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, be encouraged, so that all members may be more fully informed in the best interest of our work.
6. That 100% reporting be our constant goal.
7. That cooperation with the Finance Committee in any promotion of financial programs approved by the Woman's Division of Christian Service be encouraged.
8. That close cooperation and good fellowship between members of Societies and Guilds, as well as other activities of fellowship strengthening the local church, be encouraged.
9. That we seek to stress membership cultivation by increased activity of a vital, working, concerned, membership committee.
10. That each society, wherever feasible, seek to visit every Methodist woman in every church, enlisting membership in the Society and Guild, and seeking to find a place of service for these in the local church; this is OUR GREAT CONCERN. May we dedicate our loving service, our talents, and our prayers that our fellowship may find its potential in reaching those as yet unreached for service.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary

Reports for the year reveal reasons for deep gratitude as well as for genuine challenge. The concerns of this line of work place emphasis on the areas of worship, evangelism, stewardship and study. It is gratifying that 95% of the societies have secretaries of spiritual life and much evidence of their work is to be found in all of the four areas. Reports indicate a close cooperation between the secretaries and pastors and other church groups working for the enrichment of the spiritual life of the church and the community.

Several trends of growth are noted. One is that of better planned and prepared programs which in turn have been more effective. Another is that more societies report the use of good books, especially on prayer. This, no doubt, is partly the result of the year's study. The listing of prayer concerns indicate our women are informed and genuinely interested in the vital issues of today. The Lenten Season is observed increasingly as a time for spiritual enrichment, through Bible study, devotional reading, Days Apart, and prayer.

Douglas Steere's **Dimensions of Prayer** is acclaimed one of the most appreciated and helpful studies of recent years. A number of societies began their fall program with this study, while a still larger number held the study during Lent. Others have not yet finished it. All who have completed it report enthusiastically. Significantly, new prayer groups have come into being as a result of the study. It is very desirable that these groups be Study and Prayer groups, in order that we may truly love God with our mind, as well as heart, soul, and strength. During 1963, the 225th anniversary of Aldersgate, all such groups are urged by the Woman's Division to make a special study of the Book of Romans, using as a guide **Wesley's Notes on Romans.**

More local societies have sought and found inspiration for service through Day Apart and Retreat experiences. Three of the eight districts have held Days Apart. Reports reflect the influence of such times of high inspiration. Observance of the **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial** was stressed again this year, with more societies reporting (261), observing it in a wider variety of ways.

There are some points at which particular emphasis needs to be placed. These are indicated in the recommendations which follow. Only 70% of the secretaries reporting are members of the committee on program in the local society, and only 52% are members of the commission on membership and evangelism in the local church. One most helpful way to open avenues for making the depth of spiritual life evident throughout the society and the church is by each local secretary availing herself of the obligation and privilege of active service in these two groups.

As we continue to emphasize growth in knowledge and Christian understanding through prayer and study, let us use these deepened insights in giving ourselves, realizing that spiritual life means the involvement of one's whole self with God—the placing of ourselves in such relationship with Him that we can be instruments in His service.

Recommendations

With the realization that the life of the Spirit bears fruit in all areas of Christian living, we recommend that the work of each secretary of spiritual life include the following emphases:

1. Careful, prayerful choice of dedicated, qualified women for the work of secretary of spiritual life.
2. Active participation in those committees of which she is designated as a member:
   (1) Executive Committee of the Woman's Society
   (2) Committee on Program
   (3) Spiritual Life, of which she is chairman
   (4) Commission on Membership and Evangelism in the local church.
3. Creative uses of resources available in materials of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, with emphasis on Prayer Calendar and other spiritual life materials.
4. Participation in the observance of the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience in such a manner that individuals and groups may share the EXPERIENCE.
5. Promotion of constructive, meaningful study and prayer groups, urging each group to study Wesley's Notes on the Book of Romans sometime during 1963.
6. Continuing emphasis on the **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial,** giving leadership in planning its observance and other special days.

STUDENT WORK

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Secretary

Louisiana has over three hundred organized Woman's Societies of Christian Service. Of these, two hundred and sixty-eight have elected Secretaries of Student Work and only one hundred ninety-four sent in reports this year. This means only sixty percent of our local societies in Louisiana are making use of the channel available to them for information and better understanding of our college students.

The great majority of college students believe in God, but the majority also feel that belief has no relevance in their lives. A small percentage of the students on the college campus are actually involved in Wesley Foundation, in Wesley Fellowship, in the Methodist Student Movement, or in Older Youth Fellowship in churches near the campus. The church's mission to students cannot be accomplished by the campus ministry alone. Each local church has the responsibility of Christian concern for students—whether or not there are at the present time persons of student age in that church. We must give our campus ministers our wholehearted support in gifts, in prayers, and in service. To do this effectively we must be interested enough to learn of their program, to involve ourselves in the atmosphere of the campus and to understand what our young people are learning and experiencing. We must be ready and anxious to hear their ideas and to consider their views as we seek to understand God's will for our lives and for our church. Too often we shut the student and the campus out of the local church because their new ideas push us to move more rapidly than we wish to move. Too often we give up—saying, "It's just no use!" when the students seem to have shut us out. Keeping the channels of communication open between the campus and the local church is a critical matter. A big part of this responsibility lies with the Secretary of Student Work.

Excellent things have been done by our students this year. Three students attended the youth section of the Louisiana School of Missions. Three attended the Annual Christian Citizenship Seminar at the United Nations

and Washington, D.C. Three—related to us through our Interconference Commission—went with Miss Ruth Harris, Secretary of Student Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, on a seminar behind the Iron Curtain. Dr. Julian Hartt of Yale Divinity School brought a series of thought provoking lectures to the State Conference of the Methodist Student Movement in Baton Rouge. Miss Polly Lassiter toured the campuses with information on Christian Vocations. Students have had innumerable opportunities to hear first hand the ideas of men who are shaping today's concepts. Through discussion and program of the Methodist work on campus, students are themselves involved in shaping the concepts of tomorrow.

We need more than sixty percent of our churches involved in this vital phase of our work. The Secretary of Student Work is your channel for better communication with our students. Be sure **your** church has an active, concerned Secretary of Student Work.

Recommendations

We recommend that Local Secretaries of Student Work:

1. Keep in touch with **all** young people away from home—whether employed, in school, or in military service.
   A. Keep channels of communication open: Send personal letters, cards, subscriptions to **Upper Room, Power, Concern** and others they may want.
   B. Keep local church aware of the need for an active, **vital** program for this age group.
2. Act as liaison person between the local church and college campus.
   A. Work closely with Christian personnel on the college campus.
   B. Avail yourself of every opportunity to **know** students: — by direct contact; read what they are reading; attend campus lectures and seminars open to the public; read materials recommended by the Handbook, and in **Methodist Woman**; read the page in **Methodist Woman** for Secretaries of Student Work.
   C. Find opportunities for students to share **their** ideas and views with local church groups.
3. Study the Handbook and follow its suggested outline for your work.
   A. Make use of every opportunity for training in your work.
   B. Send Blue cards to campus Directors by June 15th—be sure to fill in the student's **home** address so Directors may contact them **before** they actually arrive on campus.
   C. Assist your pastor in planning for Student Recognition Day, Methodist Student Day, and the Universal Day of Prayer for Students.
   D. Encourage students to participate in summer service projects, student conferences and seminars. If necessary, help to make their participation possible.
   E. Work with the Committee on Christian Vocations in your local church or district. Work with the Youth Secretary in keeping information and counseling on Christian Vocations available to the young people of your church.
   F. Be especially aware of the special needs of commuting students, married students, and international students on the campus near you, or in your local church.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Secretary

Louisiana Conference Supply Work Askings for the year 1962-63 were $13,313.62. The Askings for the Conference were met but several districts failed to meet all of their Askings. This was because some societies did not accept the responsibility assigned to them. In other instances, the Askings were overpaid. Gifts of cash were sent to six fields of work not assigned to this Conference. Money sent undesignated is greatly needed but should not be sent until all Askings are met.

The total cash and cash value given through Supply Work, by the Woman's Society $16,025.83, by the Wesleyan Service Guild $2,449.46, for the year was $18,474.29. This was sent to twelve Home and five Foreign fields of work. This was a decrease of $301.35 from the amount given last year.

Christmas Parties given in July and August by local societies provided funds for a merry Christmas in the institutions to which they were sent.

Our reporting for the year has left much to be desired. Many societies do Supply Work but fail to report it.

Several thousand items of good used clothing and several hundreds of books and magazines were sent to those institutions which have use for them.

Cash received from the redemption of Red Scissor Coupons helps with the upkeep of St. Mark's Community Center Camp. Our quota for the year is 55,000. To date, we have sent 50,000 coupons.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. A secretary of Supply Work be elected in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. Each local secretary present information to the society about the projects on the Askings list assigned to them. Presentation of such information will make Supply Work giving more meaningful and give members an over-all picture of the work.
3. Continued and increased emphasis be placed on the need for secretaries of Supply Work to check with the treasurer on the corresponding level so that reports will give the correct amounts of cash given for Supply Work.
4. We continue to work toward 100% reporting on all levels.
5. All money be carefully designated as to place and project for which it is intended and then sent to the local treasurer who will in turn send it to the district treasurer and on through regular channels.
6. The secretary of Supply Work be an active member of the committee on Finance. This applies to local as well as to district and conference levels.
7. The Askings assigned to a society is the responsibility of that society. It is necessary that all Askings be met before any gifts of money are sent to other projects.
8. Members of the Woman's Society visit projects whenever possible. "Seeing is believing." Believing becomes concern and concern will result in action.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary

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YOUTH WORK

Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, Secretary

"Strategy for world missions begins at our own doorstep as we develop those attitudes which help to create fellowship, community, freedom, and concern for all God's children. All adult workers with youth have a vital part in the life and mission of the church," according to Miss Allene Ford, who spoke to nearly two hundred youth at the Youth Banquet during the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service this spring.

Truly the Secretaries of Youth Work in the Louisiana Conference have had special responsibility for the nurture and realization of this attitude and involvement this past year. They have helped those with whom they have worked to recognize and accept the fact that the Christian church exists primarily to proclaim the good news of God's love and to be a re-

deeming fellowship. They have witnessed to the fact that the Christian faith is the most powerful force in the world. They have challenged youth to lift themselves to high levels of life so that real Christian living has become both an adventure and a quest—an adventure that calls for life, service, and sacrifice—a quest whose goals are never to be found without a struggle.

How these youth have been aroused to the needs of people everywhere, to dream dreams, see visions, and even find some of the solutions to the world's problems as they have experienced a closer fellowship with God cannot be written in an Annual Report such as this. However, some activities of this year's Unified Youth Program can be mentioned. Officer's Training was conducted at the conference, district, and local levels. As a result the Secretaries of Youth Work have a clearer knowledge of how they are elected and a broader understanding of the Unified Program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Through the program of Christian Outreach many of our youth were challenged this year by "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need" and a new awareness of problems confronting the "Rim of East Asia." Thirty-seven young women attended the youth section of the School of Missions last summer and the plan is for three youth from each district to attend again this year. One of the highlights of last year's program was the mission tour sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Thirty-five youth visited projects in six states under the careful planning of the Committee on Tours and of the director, Miss Louise Sharp. A similar tour has been planned for this summer under the same capable leadership. Young people came from a wide area to attend the Youth Banquet which brought to their attention the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Methodist Deaconess Movement in the United States.

Discouragements have come with a need for an increase in Methodist Youth Fund giving as well as a need for better attendance of local Secretaries of Youth Work at District Missionary Seminars and District Officer's Training and for better reporting. But despite our discouragements we have caught a glimpse of the tremendous task of helping Methodist youth become aware of, concerned about, and involved in the mission of the church.

Recommendations

Youth cannot wait! We must help them TODAY to fulfill the Methodist Youth Fellowship Covenant.

> "We of the Methodist Youth Fellowship answer God's call to be the Christian community, a fellowship of worship, study and service, alert and responsive to God's action in this age and to his seeking love in Jesus Christ, to the end that
>
> **In truth** we may know ourselves as his own
> **In faith** we may be obedient to his will
> **In love** we may fulfill his mission among all people."

Keeping this in mind we Recommend:

1. The election of a Secretary of Youth Work in EVERY Woman's Society of Christian Service, observing carefully the procedure for the election of this officer, as set forth on page 28 of **A Guide,** Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, be urged to participate in training opportunities afforded by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and by the Board of Education.
3. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, promote the use of Missionary Materials for Youth at every opportunity, such as: the Conference School of Missions, the District Seminars, District and Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship Meetings, Local Church Schools of Missions and Methodist Youth Fellowship Mission Study Classes.
4. That both boys and girls be included in all enterprises for missionary education and/or missionary recruitment projects.

5. That the Methodist Youth Fund be emphasized on all levels as THE SPECIAL for youth giving to missions; that personal pledging and systematic paying be stressed.
6. That the local Secretary of Youth Work cooperate closely with the Secretary of Student Work in the area of Recruitment for missions, reporting interested youth (boys or girls) to the district Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
7. That the Conference and District Secretaries of Youth Work expend every effort to work with the Conference and District Directors of Youth Work in the area of Christian Outreach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman

1962 School of Missions and Christian Service

Total enrollment in the 1962 School of Missions and Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference was 332, including students, teachers, guests and visitors. There were 303 in classes, with 291 credit cards issued. Enrollment in clinics was 209, with 48 district officers and secretaries of lines of work in the attendance pattern. One hundred seventeen churches were represented. The offering for missions, $197.72, was divided equally among the study projects assigned to the South Central Jurisdiction. Thirty-two girls participated in all phases of th school program under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Giessen, Secretary of Youth Work, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Literature sales amounted to $1,059.25. The library, open for reading during certain hours, was used by 139 persons. Worship settings related to the programs for 1962-63, "CALLED, CONFRONTED, COMPELLED," which were on display throughout the week, were prepared by Mrs. Joe Bond and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt. A booklet of morning meditations written by our missionaries and workers from Louisiana and containing daily pages from the Prayer Calendar was prepared by Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary of Spiritual Life, and copies of it were distributed to everyone in attendance at the school.

The Leadership Development series was directed by Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Mrs. Euland Efurd was in charge of a nursery for babies through three years of age and a Vacation Church School for children from four through twelve years of age, which were provided at Noel Memorial Methodist Church for children whose mothers attended the School of Missions.

Meetings of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service at Centenary College on August 16, 1962, elections were made as follows for the 1963 School of Missions: Assistant Dean and Housing, Mrs. J. T. Eubank; Registrar, Mrs. W. D. Snelling; Secretary of School of Missions, Mrs. E. B. Miller; Librarian, Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr. Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., was elected Secretary of the Committee on School of Missions.

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service at First Methodist Church in Monroe on March 15, 1963, the following action was taken: (1) Mrs. Wideman Watson was elected Chairman and Mrs. Charles Giessen was elected Secretary of the Committee. (2) Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke was elected to serve as Dean of the 1964 School of Missions. (3) Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Bible Hour Speaker for the 1963 School of Missions, was chosen to attend the 1963 Jurisdiction School of Missions. (4) For the Conference School of Missions it was decided that: (a) The Church-wide study, Our Mission Today, will be presented two nights during the School and a presentation of the other four studies will be made on one night. (b) The offering for missions will be used to honor Miss Elizabeth Stinson on her retirement as Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Division.

1963 School of Missions and Christian Service
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
August 5-9, 1963

Dean: Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Assistant Dean: Mrs. J. T. Eubank
Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson
Registrar: Mrs. W. D. Snelling
Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller
Librarian: Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr.
Worship Settings: Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt
Mrs. Joe Bond

Courses and Instructors:

The Changing City Challenges the Church
Mrs. George V. Metzel
Mrs. C. B. McGowan

The Christian Mission in Southern Asia
Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. Russell Heaner

The Christian Family and Its Money
Mrs. Paul Arrington
Mrs. C. C. Coffee

An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics
Mrs. Cecil Matthews
Mrs. Guy Hicks
Miss Virginia Thomas

Church-Wide Study
Our Mission Today

Bible Hour
Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

Clinics:
President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretaries of: Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Service, Promotion, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, Supply Work. **Wesleyan Service Guild Chairmen:** Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education, Spiritual Life, Supply Work.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Louisiana Conference News
Mrs. J. H. McSween, Chairman
Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Editor
Woman's Society of Christian Service

January 1963 Issue of the Louisiana Conference News

Invoice Standard Printing Co., 1/11/63,		
4,000 copies, Printing	$109.55	
8 cuts	21.20	
Tax	2.62	$133.37
Labels	10.20	
Moistener	1.80	
Bulk Mailing, Year 1963	30.00	
Mailing 3778 copies @ 1¼c each	47.23	
Special Mailings	1.19	
Miscellaneous expense, itemized to Treasurer	11.58	102.00
TOTAL		$235.37

May 1963, Issue of the Louisiana Conference News

Invoice Standard Printing Co., 5/23/63,		
4,000 copies, Printing	109.55	
9 cuts	23.85	
Tax	2.67	136.07
Mailing 3794 copies @ 1¼c each	47.43	
Special Mailings	1.80	
Miscellaneous expense, itemized to Treasurer	6.49	55.72
TOTAL		$191.79

Original cost of permit $10.00 good as long as used once a year at issuing post office. Bulk mailing payable only with first mailing of each year.

REPORTS OF WOMAN'S DIVISION PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans 13, Louisiana
Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

The phone rings in the office at Peoples Methodist Community Center. When a Social Worker answers, an anxious voice on the other end is asking for information relative to enrolling her two young children in the Center's Day Care Department. The inquiring mother is given the desired information. But, says the Social Worker, "The best we can do for you at this time is to register them and put them on the waiting list for a future opening."

The anxious mother pleads, "Oh please don't turn me down. My husband has been unable to work for months due to illness, and the doctor says it might be a long time before he can go back to work. Bills are piling up because the relief payments he has been getting are far from adequate to meet expenses. I simply must go to work to make ends meet. But I must have a place to leave my children during working hours."

When the facts are investigated and fund to be true, what can you do in a case like that? You usually end up squeezing two more children into already over-taxed quarters. Where the plight is not so desperate and the need not so urgent you make excuses and put them on the waiting list from which they sometimes never emerge.

This goes on week in and week out all the year around. Classes are bursting at the seams and still they come. Being a very compassionate man and a dedicated worker, our director, the Reverend Richard W. Calvin, finds it harder and harder to say "No" to those who have valid reasons for seeking the services rendered by the Center.

These circumstances, plus the fact that a huge new Housing Project will soon be completed in this immediate vicinity bringing many new families and hundreds of additional children to this area, have inspired the Reverend Calvin with a burning desire to expand the facilities of this institution to meet the ever increasing needs of the Community. At this point we are making a concerted effort toward that end. Through the efforts of the staff and parents four thousand ($4,000.00) dollars has been raised for expansion purposes. We are hoping that with the help of the Methodist General Board of Missions and others we will be able to make this dream a reality in the not too distant future. At a meeting in December the Board of Directors, headed by Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., gave the Reverend Calvin the go ahead sign to look into the possibilities of acquiring additional temporary quarters for use in the immediate future.

On behalf of the Parents and Staff of Peoples Methodist Community Center I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, for their continued interest and contributions to the success of our work in this Community.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana
Fae L. Daves, Director

The other day someone asked me, "What is St. Mark's?" To one who has lived and worked in its atmosphere for 14 years it is difficult to answer in a few words. It has been and is many things to many people! Upon entering St. Mark's one is impressed with the friendly atmosphere, the feel-

ing of aliveness, that something is happening. The happy faces of the children, the air of "at homeness" of the teenagers, the excited boys waiting for a game, the interest of mothers helping with groups, the enthusiasm of the Senior Citizens, the eagerness of those who come to Project "Learn," all contribute to this general feeling. The program serves all ages from 6 years up with strong emphasis on services for children and youth; it includes clubs, classes, interest groups, Girl Scouts, Athletics, co-ed activities, camping and other special summer programs, home contacts. There are activities which involve single groups and sometimes the co-operation of all groups and their families. Individual enrollment for the year ending September 30, 1962 was 540.

As I write this, excitement runs high over the Coronation Carnival Program to be held February 15th. Those involved are decorating, getting costumes finished, etc. This program will take the place of our annual May Festival this year. This is the first time a King as well as a Queen has been elected by the members. Entertainment for their Majesties and Court will be furnished by our different groups around a Mother Goose theme. It promises to be a very colorful evening for our members, their families, and guests.

Plans for our Annual Fair to be held Saturday night, March 23rd, were initiated several weeks ago. Groups at St. Mark's are working and we hear that many of the ladies in our various Woman's Society groups are making and gathering things for us. The Fair is given for our camp maintenance fund. Last year we cleared $705.00. Our people have set a goal of $925.00 this year and hope to make it.

At this time of year many things are going on and being planned. The weekend after the Fair about 50 of our Girl Scouts, with Mrs. Daisy Orth and Miss Wilma Snare, will be participating with other troops in the city in a big Camporee in City Park. There are interesting groups for younger boys and many for girls. The young teens have an active program planned by their council with the help of Mrs. Orth. They get out the **Gangplank,** plan Teen Canteen and other things. There is a small leadership training group. One co-ed group is interested in cultural affairs and politics. As usual we have a big athletic program. The older teams have a volleyball tournament on Wednesday nights with 10 teams. This is basketball season; we have 20 teams in our afternoon and evening leagues with 3 teams also playing in the "Y" League. This is under the direction of two part time staff members, Mr. J. Knight, student at Baptist Seminary, and Mr. Joe Tillis, a senior at L.S.U.N.O; they are assisted by some of the boy who coach younger teams and help referee.

We have added a new service this year, a service for the aging. For some time we have been conscious of the need but it was not until Miss Laura Smith rejoined our staff on a full time basis after completing her work at National College that we had someone willing and able to do the job. Getting the work started was a real job but has certainly been well worthwhile. The ladies — there are no men yet — are very appreciative of what is being done for them. They are an inspiration to us. They have been busy making things for the Fair and will have their own booth. They look forward to their day here each week. At the meeting last week one woman told of two who had said, "We just have to go to bed two more nights and it will be time to go to the Center again." Miss Smith is hoping to take some of the ladies to camp the last week in May.

We had a good season at camp last year. At our request a representative of the Standards Committee of the American Camping Association visited us. As a result we have been accepted into full membership in this association, the standard setting group in camping.

At present we have about $750.00 in our Carmol Tackaberry Memorial Swimming Pool Fund for Camp St. Mark's. We surely do miss our dear friend and former Board President, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry. She meant so much to us that the memory of her will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew and loved her.

Our thanks to all of you for your interest, prayer and gifts.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AND RESIDENCES

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton St., Shreveport, La.
Hazel F. Cooper, Director

Residents this year came from twenty-three towns of the Ark-La-Tex area, and from Idaho, Florida and Georgia.

Seventy-six girls have resided at the Inn since June 1st. Twenty-one of the group came as students entering business school. During the year eleven married, two returned to college, several took apartments or moved back to their home towns to take jobs.

Two students who finished business courses went into full time Christian service as church secretaries.

We have worked closely this year with the Family and Children's Service, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the State Welfare Service in furnishing homes for girls with special problems.

We were visited by several Mission Tours during the year. Of special interest each year is the Youth Group from the Louisiana Conference School of Missions. We hope to promote some joint activity with the girls in the residence this year.

In the fall we had a five weeks Bible study. Dr. Anderson's "The Unfolding Drama of the Bible" was used as a text. The girls attempted to relate the Bible drama to present day living as experienced by the teen-age group in particular. Some interesting discussion and deep questions came from the group. One question "How can you observe practice of the fifth Commandment, when parents are not the kind of individuals you can respect?" Some of the group actually had that as a problem.

Good Friday was observed with a candle-light "Quiet breakfast." We have found this a very effective way to observe this special day.

Christmas was the occasion for a family dinner and a "Toy Tree." For two or three years the girls have purchased toys for underprivileged children. The toys are turned over to the Shreveport Times and Journal Joy Fund for distribution.

A brief observance of the Week of Prayer was conducted by the Chairman of the Religious and Cultural Activities Committee. Special emphasis was given to prayer and what it typified in their lives.

Mrs. C. H. Timberlake, who has managed the food service for the past ten years, retired this spring. Her years of service have been greatly appreciated by the Board of Business Girls' Inn, by the staff, and by all of the girls who have known her through the years.

IMPROVEMENTS: Plans have been in the making for the past eighteen months for some work in the kitchen. Supply funds were made available to replace the dishwashing tables, which were worn out, with stainless steel. As we thought and planned we realized that we needed to replace the dishwasher as well. This would make the total operation more successful and less expensive on the whole. This spring we have sufficient budget funds to complete the plan. It is underway and soon we will have an efficient dishwashing unit for years to come.

A five-year plan calls for some furniture to furnish an upstairs sitting room and to buy a more efficient deep freeze.

We deeply appreciate the interest and support of the women of the Louisiana Conference. We ask that you take every opportunity to tell our Methodist girls about Business Girls' Inn so that we may serve more of them.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

Robert Tatum, Director

This has been a year of moving for our Wesley Foundation. In September our present building was moved from the original location to 136 Boyd, where it was put back together and is now serving as a temporary meeting place for our students. Many students were asking, "Wonder Where the Wesley Went?" Presently we are sharing our quarters on Sunday with the nursery class from First Methodist Church. Students were shocked beyond understanding as we heard the tragic news that fire had destroyed the First Methodist Church plant on the night before our return from the annual Methodist Student Movement retreat at Dulac. One of our cars picked up the news on radio, just outside Morgan City, during our return trip home.

We have enjoyed a fantastic year. Our summer program was very strong. Our regular semester work has held up well this year in spite of the fact that we were displaced persons for about six weeks in the fall.

As in past years we raised our giving another $25.00, for a total of $300.00 for the support of the Methodist Fellowship Fund. The NSC Wesley Foundation has steadily increased its support to this fund each year for several years now. Our student budget this year will run somewhere close to $1,000. In September we cut out our subscription to **Motive** because we felt it no longer spoke to the college students at NSC. This year our token subscriptions number five.

Our Bible classes continue to grow in scope and size. We now sponsor two Bible study groups (one on Sunday morning and one on Sunday night). Attendance and interest in these groups have been high.

Methodist student enrollment at NSC this fall broke all previous records. We gained 110 over last year. The Methodist enrollment was 612 in the fall semester and 549 in the spring.

Students this year have been aware of the spiritual needs of our campus. We have seen more new faces this year than ever before. There is an awareness on campus that something is happening at Wesley. We have been able to place campus visitors in areas where formerly they were either not welcome or only tolerated. Miss Polly Lassiter, a General Board of Missions visitor, and Dr. Dale White, from the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, are good examples of such a statement. Dr. White addressed over 400 students in lectures, classes and discussion groups while he was visiting on campus. Miss Lassiter spent many hours counseling and talking with students about their lives and the church's mission in the world.

On April 1-2, nine of our NSC students attended the Bishop's Conference on the Ministry in Alexandria. We have several students who are considering other phases of church related vocations. Some of these are: Missions, Christian Education, Teaching, Social Work, and Medical work. Our students continue to support fully the various state, regional and national programs of the Methodist Church. We have had many fine delegations attend the Methodist Student Movement State meeting at Dulac and the Regional Leadership Conference in Oklahoma.

Deputations, the student witness area of our work, continue to boom. It is a fine thing to see so many capable young people giving witness to their faith in Christ.

By way of reflection, we can see many things that we would like to do better next year, new challenges that lie ahead. However, we realize that without the help of the Woman's Society of Christian Service our work would be impossible. To you all we say, "Thanks for the support!"

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Director

"You know the first thing I got from Wesley Foundation was a friendly handshake, and that really felt good to a freshman. That handshake has made me come back time after time. Wesley Foundation makes it possible to meet new friends in a Christian environment," said a freshman boy who spoke at vespers. Each student receives a "Welcome to Wesley."

The vesper services, held on Thursday and Sunday, are the most important aspect of our program. A freshman girl said, "The thing that has impressed me most has been the worship service. Some of the devotions have been very inspiring because they have been simple lessons we can work into our everyday lives. I am sure we all enjoyed the special speakers, but I personally believe that we gain more from hearing a person our own age tell about his experiences in Christianity and to hear him witness for Christ." The vesper services, planned and conducted by the students, are an expression of their own Christian faith. Prayer Time, a devotion with altar prayer and meditation, is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Communion Service is held before the students begin their Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. The Pre-Easter Vespers, with laymen as speakers, were centered around the events of Passion Week.

A deputation team is a group of college students who go to the churches of our District to present morning or evening services of worship, speak to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship, or be of service any way they can to the churches. A boy said of a deputation team he heard while in high school, "I was surprised to learn that the students on the team were not all pre-theology majors. They were engineers, Pre-Med students, English majors, and others. I soon realized that a person can witness for Christ in any profession." The deputation teams are a witness of our students for Jesus Christ.

Each person on the Council, the student governing body, is responsible for some phase of the program and activities. Weekly Council meetings are held to carry out the plans made at the annual Fall Planning Retreat held at Caney Lake, Minden. Thirteen of our students, along with the director, attended the Regional Leadership Training Conference, Camp Canyon, Oklahoma.

Our students participated in campus activities: homecoming display—"We've Got the Lion by the Tail"—winning first place in the religious division; intra-mural sports—winning first place in the boys' track division; Campus Carnival—"Wesley County Jail"—winning first place in the independent division. Open House was held after the football games, and a reception for Mothers' Week End and Fathers' Week End.

With the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund our students selected Ewha University, Seoul, Korea, and Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska, as their projects. Their individual pledges help support these projects. A campus wide project was held to raise money for MCOR providing food for hungry children. Our students collected money at Christmas to purchase groceries for a needy family.

The pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire and Reverend George Ross, and their members are to be commended for the splendid manner in which they help students to become a part of their membership, offering them affiliate or regular membership. We are indeed grateful to Reverend Luman Douglas, our District Superintendent, for his outstanding leadership and interest as he has presented our program and activities to the churches of our District. To the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—District, Conference, and National level—we are grateful for your support and interest.

Another student said, "Anyone that wants to stand up and witness for Christ is welcomed at Wesley. It doesn't matter his profession. I would like to ask each of you to remember there is a place here for you if you want to tell people about your God." And so we see the importance of our students' witness, their sharing, and their faith as they seek to bring others to know of Jesus as their Lord.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

Robert S. Barefield, Director

Due to the fact that I have been Wesley Director only since January 1, 1963, I cannot give a full report of the first semester. The Rev. Allen Jernigan resigned from this position on November 1, 1962, to assume similar duties at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Tom Clark, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, Lafayette, served as part-time director during the months of November and December. Thus, there were three different persons giving adult guidance to the group in the fall.

Our program, as it gets underway for the new semester which began February 1, has several differing phases:

1. Thursday night is religious night on campus. We have a vesper service, a program, recreation, and a social hour with refreshments. Our theme for the month of February is ETHICS ON CAMPUS. This is the time when the largest numbers come. This past Thursday night there were over 50 present.
2. Small Interest Groups that meet weekly. This semester we have five such groups, as follows: a. Wesley Singers, a choral group. b. Wesley Players, a dramatic group. c. Study Group, DEEPENING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH. d. Study Group, LOVE, COURTSHIP, AND MARRIAGE. e. Study Group, PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION.
3. Weekday chapel at 12:00 noon Tuesday-Thursday. The students lead in this 15 minute worship service. Holy Communion is observed once each week.
4. Pastoral Counseling — Several students have come for regular counseling appointments. Many of our students need the guidance that can come from a pastor.
5. General social and recreational level — Our Methodist Student Center is open each day to provide a "Home Away from Home" for all Methodist Students and their friends.

The membership of the Wesley Foundation has been divided into ten teams, and these teams will share in the regular responsibilities that occur with the program. This organizational endeavor is designed to involve as many persons as possible in the work of the Foundation. We feel that as these students share in the work they will feel that they truly belong and are part of our group. These groups are led by Team Captains, who have previously demonstrated their loyalty and leadership abilities.

We appreciate very much the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and pledge ourselves to serve our Methodist students faithfully. We appreciate your interest and solicit your prayers.

SAGER-BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

The work of this project has continued in the general direction of training for Christian living.

The average number of children living in the dormitories per month has been sixty. Most of these children are those whose lives have in some manner been affected by a non-unified family life. Others are here because

they are handicapped in some way and there are no other facilities available for them. Their families have placed them here with the hope that just being in this environment will produce some favorable change in their lives.

The staff consists of 14 persons, including the superintendent, secretary, two house-parents, 7 teachers, a cook, a laundress, and a maintenance man. Each has done a remarkable job this year.

Our children share in the general upkeep of the buildings and grounds. They engage in other activities such as: Church School, Church attendance, Vacation Church School, Boy Scouting, Youth Choir, and other activities of the parish educational association.

We have been hosts to civic and Mission Tour groups and to the School of Missions of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Central Jurisdiction. Many church groups and individuals have visited us also. All of our visitors have been a source of inspiration and pleasure to us.

Godman School has enrolled 164 pupils during the year with a grade distribution as follows: Kindergarten, 34; First Grade, 20; Second Grade, 15; Third Grade, 24; Fourth Grade, 20; Fifth Grade, 14; Sixth Grade, 12; Seventh Grade, 15; and Eighth Grade, 10.

The recently set up library contains a well-balanced collection of 1180 books and subscriptions to some 12 or more magazines and newspapers, and a small supply of audio-visual materials.

The school participated in the Annual St. Mary Parish Elementary Achievement Day and won many of the awards. We also held our Annual May Day Parade and Festival and it was a great success. This activity brought in funds amounting to approximately $500.00.

We have always been proud of our choir and this year has been no exception. They have filled several engagements and there are others to be filled for the rest of this year.

The operating revenues for the year ending May 31, 1962 amounted to $60,355.11 and the disbursements were $56,347.74.

We are very grateful indeed for the support that our friends have given us through the years and we trust that we shall have your continued support and cooperation in future years.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL WORK

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER

Houma, Louisiana

John L. Howe, Jr., Director

Our children here at MacDonell—a home for dependent-neglected children—are definitely "persons of special need." Because of their sense of insecurity and rejection, they frequently suffer severe social handicaps which cripple development of personality or character. Our program with the children is aimed at helping them become "responsible citizens for tomorrow's world." Many factors influence the growth and development of any one child, but the pivot is the houseparent. She serves as a buffer—and in his relationship to her, the child finds comfort and help during his difficult adjustment period.

Though there have been a number of changes this year, the staff has been better stabilized than in earlier years, and there is a corresponding stabilization in our program. The staff in every department is excellent and we are making real progress in our services to the children. A staff workshop meets weekly and is compiling a manual that adapts some of the

reading in child development and social work to the specific needs of our children. The completed manual will be of use as a review of our workshop discussion and as an orientation pamphlet for new workers and summer help.

Mrs. Helen Gage Harris, an experienced social worker and a Methodist Deaconess, joined our staff in June. The program of social services to the children has been greatly expanded since her arrival. At present MacDonell has thirty-one children, seventeen girls and fourteen boys. Twenty-one are teenage, ten are 12 and under. This means 65% of the children are teenagers now — compared with 50% at this time last year.

A cottage for staff use on time off is nearing completion and should help with the continual need of the staff for rest and renewal of strength and spirit.

While our emphasis this year is on in-service training and development of staff, we are continuing last year's emphasis on recruitment. Folks living on campus are acutely aware of "campus atmosphere" and its effect on the children. From time to time illness or family needs causes us to lose a staff member. The turmoil created if we must go through a siege of "trial and error" seeking for new staff sets all the children back in their development. MacDonell—along with all other child-care institutions—needs a continual "backlog" of dedicated, mature, and Christian workers.

TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana

Carl Brunson, Head Resident

This last year has been one of change and growth. Miss Patricia Gibson, our newest staff member, is a Deaconess with experience in children's homes and in a community center. She holds a Master's Degree in Religious Education.

Miss Gibson is Education Director and is responsible for supervising the kindergarten and the week-day religious education programs. Special activities, such as building and erecting a manger scene for the grounds and visiting a synagogue, help to enrich the program. A junior choir is new. Attendance in kindergarten has improved this year. A Parents' Club has been started, and the programs have included films, speakers, and fun sessions.

Two of the Indian girls who work in kindergarten attended a five-week workshop at Scarritt last summer. They serve as lead teachers, giving a better quality of leadership in their groups.

A new staff position, that of Community Worker, was created this year. Mrs. Mildred Brunson was assigned to this position and has responsibility for identifying community problems, working with individuals and groups in trying to solve their problems, working with other community agencies, handling referrals, interpretation, and keeping family record files. These records include a family description, a listing of all family members and birthdays, location of the home, a description of any services that we give. The files have been completed for more than 100 families with whom the Center has close contact and are in process for another 100 with whom we have less frequent contact.

On of the biggest needs at the present time is helping individuals and families obtain birth certificates. Last summer the State Legislature passed a law requiring the State Board of Health to PROVE race before issuing any birth certificate. The same law requires persons seeking marriage licenses to present birth certificates issued not more than 45 days prior to application for license. In an area where few births were registered before 1930, and in an area where accuracy in terminology was not stressed, the

result is that many family records are confused and contradictory. Tracing family trees is both tedious and time-consuming; and without a helping hand, many people become discouraged and stop.

Other activities have included serving on the school lunch committee to help evaluate applications for free lunches, setting up an immunization clinic in cooperation with the Parish Health Unit, and providing layettes for new babies—an average of five a month this year.

A girls' athletic club is new and popular. Other groups such as cooking club, boys' sports, Camera Club, and Teen Club continue to be popular and have growing memberships. The MYF is reaching more youth than ever before. Rummage sales continue to meet a very real need.

The Board of Directors have been busy this year, too. They have set up and put into effect a set of personnel policies and practices including job descriptions and qualifications, salary scales, and policies governing vacations, sick leave, insurance, employment, and separation.

LOUISIANA TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

Urania Area — Alexandria District

Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker

This has been a full and rewarding year.

I was appointed to the Urania Area June 1, 1962 and live in Urania, La. This area has six churches. Reverend E. W. Sandel serves Trout and Urania and Reverend J. C. Rousseaux, Jr., serves Belah, Eden, Lewis Chapel and Tullos.

There are two Woman's Societies of Christian Service. We are endeavoring to get better attendance and more inspirational programs in the Woman's Societies and hope to organize two more in other churches during the coming year. There are four Church Schools, with a fifth being organized. One of the Church Schools has all departments, with three adult classes. I am teaching a youth class in one church and we have organized an adult class in another. There are few children in this community but we hope to get them interested in the full church program, as well as other activities.

I attended the Louisiana Annual Conference, the South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions, and the Louisiana Conference School of Missions, where I taught the course "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need." I also conducted this course for the combined societies of Jena and Olla and the two societies in the Urania Area. Three classes held in Jena and one at Olla culminated the course by visiting the school for retarded children at Clarks, La. There was one person, who was a former member of a society which had disbanded, who attended all sessions.

I have attended District and Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings; assisted in the Vacation Church School at Trout, day camp at Jena (not in my Area) where children from Trout and Tullos attended; served as counselor and teacher at Junior Camp at Camp Brewer; attended Alexandria District Educational Seminar, where I gave the devotional; attended the Ruston District Educational Seminar, where I presented "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need;" attended the South Central Jurisdiction Town and Country workshop held at Mt. Sequoyah, November 13, 14, 15, 1962.

I have met with the Home Demonstration Club several times and have entertained them in my home; have visited in homes of each church community and look forward to more visiting.

I conducted the school of migrant children in Tickfaw, La., last spring and am looking forward to teaching there again this spring.

I have had the full cooperation of every one in this area and look forward to the coming year with hope of fulfilling some of my dreams and the answering to some of my prayers.

Thank you for your help and prayers in this endeavor.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
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HOME FIELD ASKINGS: $11,144.76

Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La.
Wesley Foundation, Box 220, U.S.L., Lafayette, La.
Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton, St., Shreveport, La.
Navajo Methodist Mission School, Farmington, New Mexico
St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans 16, La.
MacDonell Methodist Center, Box 270, Houma, La.
Church and Community Work, Urania, La.

FOREIGN FIELD ASKINGS: $5,226.84

Korea _____ Seoul, Ewha High School
Africa _____ Southern Rhodesia, Nyadiri, Washburn Memorial Hospital
India _____ Undesignated

DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS

Alexandria
Navajo Methodist Mission School
MacDonell Methodist Center
Foreign: Africa

Baton Rouge
Business Girls' Inn
St. Mark's Community Center
MacDonell Methodist Center
Wesley Foundation, L.P.I.
Foreign: Africa
India Undesignated

Lafayette
Church and Community Work
Navajo Methodist Mission School
Wesley Foundation, U.S.L.
MacDonell Methodist Center
St. Mark's Community Center
Foreign: India Undesignated
Africa

Lake Charles
Wesley Foundation, L.P.I.
Church and Community Work
St. Mark's Community Center
Navajo Methodist Mission School
MacDonell Methodist Center
Foreign: Africa
Korea
India Undesignated

Monroe
St. Mark's Community Center
MacDonell Methodist Center
Navajo Methodist Mission School
Business Girls' Inn
Foreign: Africa
India Undesignated
Korea

New Orleans
St. Mark's Community Center
MacDonell Methodist Center
Wesley Foundation, U.S.L.
Navajo Methodist Mission School
Foreign: Africa
Korea

Ruston
Navajo Methodist Mission School
St. Mark's Community Center
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Foreign: Africa

Shreveport
Navajo Methodist Mission School
Business Girls' Inn
St. Mark's Community Center
MacDonell Methodist Center
Foreign: Africa

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Home Field:

Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin, La.	$1,451.50
Foreign:	
Japan	487.00
Magazine and Picture Fund (110 @ $2.00)	220.00
TOTAL	$2,158.50

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to provide a channel through which employed women may participate in the program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a program offering spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship, and the opportunity to take an active part in developing a world Christian community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Wesleyan Service Guild welcomes to its membership any woman gainfully employed who is in sympathy with the purpose of the Wesleyan Service Guild and who will cooperate in carrying out its program of education and activities. She shall become a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual budget.

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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1963-1964

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Houma _____ Mrs. J. N. Hebert, Jr., 802 Funderburk, Houma
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Chairmen of Lines of Work

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Columbia ..... Miss Katherine Arnold, Columbia
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Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Lester Beard, 227 Stafford, N. O. 24
Missionary Education ..... Mrs. Beverly Biehler, 429 Elmira Ave., N. O. 14
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Gretna ..... Mrs. Beverly Biehler, 429 Elmira Ave., N. O. 14
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Gentilly ..... Mrs. Helen Schallom, 4210 Franklin Ave., N. O.
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Chairmen of Lines of Work

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Spiritual Life _____ Miss Polly Cassel, 603 W. Miss. St., Ruston
Supply Work _____ Miss Merry Dean Patterson, 605 N. Myrtle St., Arcadia

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Chairmen of Lines of Work

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Missionary Education _____ Mrs. Emma Pattillo, Haughton
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Mansfield _____ Mrs. Mary Pierson, 725 Forest Ave., Mansfield
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Summer Grove _____ Mrs. Mary Givens, 2020 Amelia St., Shreveport
Wynn Memorial _____ Mrs. Leona Britton, 6309 Garden Oaks Dr., Shreveport
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WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 14, 1962

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met at 8:00 A.M., Saturday, July 14, 1962, at Camp Brewer. The meeting was called to order by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, and opened with a short meditation by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life.

In response to roll call, the following were present: Misses Arline Tyler, Mildred Evans, Elizabeth Langford, Marie Pace, Sara Wadsworth, Laura Lynch, Sue Batton, Jeraldine Beck; Mesdames Thomas Guthrie, Jr., Alvin Sandefur, Austin Miller, T. D. Guthrie Sr., Bessie Fairley, M. W. Phillips, Milton C. Baldridge, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Carl Gallaher.

Miss Tyler extended regrets to the committee from Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Tidwell, Mrs. Orr, and Mrs. Laskey at their absence and instructed the secretary to write notes to them.

New members of the Conference Guild Committee were introduced and welcomed by Miss Tyler. Mrs. Gallaher was presented as the new Woman's Society of Christian Service Treasurer.

The Camp Brewer program for the weekend was reviewed and discussed. Reports were heard from Conference Guild Committee chairmen and the Guild Times Editor.

The minutes of the Conference Committee spring meeting were read and after corrections, approved as corrected.

Miss Tyler stated that the By-laws will stand until the Spring 1963 meeting. The addition to the By-laws authorizing an Administrative Committee to be composed of the Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who are, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge and Mrs. E. T. Cowell, was approved at the Spring meeting. The term of Mrs. E. T. Cowell having expired, Miss Tyler appointed Mrs. Alvin Sandefur to fill this place.

The two Conference Guild Committee members at large from the Woman's Society of Christian Service are Mrs. Warren Orr and Mrs. Wideman Watson. Mrs. Watson's term having expired, Miss Tyler informed the Committee that an election would be held during the Sunday morning business session to fill this vacancy.

Miss Tyler instructed the District Secretaries to declare their voting strength at the designated district meetings and report to the Recording Secretary.

Miss Batton asked that corrections of officers lists be turned in to her immediately for the Journal.

Miss Elizabeth Langford moved that the Sunday morning offering be divided and that one half go to Missions undesignated and that one half go to recommended improvements for Camp Brewer. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Tyler appointed Mrs. Gallaher, Miss Elizabeth Langford and Miss Marie Pace to serve as a committee for improvement recommendations.

After discussion, it was voted to have the Coaching Conference, September 15 & 16, 1962, at Camp Brewer, starting at 4:00 P.M., Saturday the 15th. Miss Tyler asked that District Secretaries prepare a calendar of activities for the year to be presented at the Coaching Conference and urged every district to have all officers at this Coaching Conference .

Miss Tyler announced the following dates for meetings: Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 13-17; and 1963 Conference Spring meeting in Monroe, March 16 and 17.

Report books for the Secretary of Promotion and the Treasurer were distributed to the eight District Secretaries.

Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr. moved that recommendation be made to the Woman's Division that enlarged report forms for instructional purposes be made available from Literature Headquarters. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Miss Tyler.

Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEKEND

Camp Brewer — July 13-15, 1962

The sixteenth annual weekend of the Wesleyan Service Guild began on Friday evening, July 13th with the program **Our Mission Today — O Send Us Forth.**

Friday, July 13

Slides and Group Singing _____ Dorothy Dunbar and Bea Sandefur

Saturday, July 14

7:00 Morning Watch _____ Mrs. DeEllo Simon
8:00 Registration _____ Maree White and Marilyn Carter
Conference Guild Committee Meeting
Crafts _____ Elizabeth Ann Carter
9:45 **Clinics:**
Presidents _____ Emma Mainous and Minza Rabun
Vice Presidents _____ Louise Baldridge and Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
Treasurers _____ Sue Batton and Hazel Gallaher
Promotion Secretaries _____ Marie Pace and Nell Patterson
Recording Secretaries _____ Boots Guthrie and Marilyn Carter
Christian Social Relations _____ Bea Sandefur and Ruth Cowell
Missionary Education _____ Agnes Miller and Martha Overbey
Spiritual Life _____ Mildred Evans and Arline Tyler
Supply Work _____ Ruth Guthrie and Mary Lula Hutchinson
1:45 General Assembly _____ Arline Tyler, Presiding
Meditation _____ Alberta Samons
Introductions
Guild Times _____ Elizabeth Langford
Presentation of Studies:
The Church's Mission and
Persons of Special Need _____ Bea Sandefur
The Christian Mission on the
Rim of East Asia _____ Agnes Miller
Community Work _____ Martha Overbey
7:00 Vesper Service _____ Mildred Kee
7:45 Evening Session
Worship in Song
Address—"Social Welfare" _____ Miss Alice Schindledecker
Echoes from Assembly _____ Sue Batton
Circle of Prayer _____ Fanny Burch

Sunday, July 15

6:45 Communion Service _____ Rev. Kenneth McDowell, Pineville
8:30 Presentation of Studies
Dimensions of Prayer _____ Arline Tyler
Today's Children for Tomorrow's World _____ Pageant

9:20	Business		Arline Tyler, Presiding
	Election	Reports	
	Appointments	Announcements	
11:00	Morning Worship		Mildred Evans, Presiding
	Solo		Miss Jerry Beck
	Message—"O Send Us Forth"		Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
	Adjournment		

At the Saturday afternoon assembly the Conference Guild Committee members were presented. Guests of the Conference presented were: Miss Alice Schindledecker and Mrs. Helen Harris of MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma; Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker, Alexandria District; and Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Lake Charles, past vice-president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of **Guild Times,** reported plans for observance of the tenth anniversary; the need for promoting subscriptions in the local Guild, and the need to limit district reports to 800 words.

Mrs. George H. Thomas, Lafayette, Conference Recording Secretary for the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was elected to the Conference Guild Committee as a member-at-large, replacing Mrs. Widman Watson, whose term expired June 1, 1962.

Miss Mildred Evans was named chairman of program for 1963-1964. Mrs. Jack Gregory, Lake Charles, was named chairman of Registration for the 1963 Guild Weekend.

Registration by Districts: Alexandria, 26; Baton Rouge, 26; Lafayette, 11; Lake Charles, 29; Monroe, 27; New Orleans, 29; Ruston, 9; Shreveport, 25; TOTAL, 192.

Sale of Literature: by Grace Lawson: TOTAL, $370.00.
Mrs. Joseph Blanchard of Munholland in New Orleans presented Mrs. Vernon Frampton, co-ordinator, with a special membership.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of **Guild Times,** was recognized for her service with an Honorary Life Membership by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Miss Sue Batton made the presentation.

The evaluation was led by Miss Marie Pace, Alexandria.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 1962

The Louisiana Conference Guild Committee met at 9:30 P.M., Saturday, September 15, 1962 at Camp Brewer.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members of the committee were present: Misses Arline Tyler, Mildred Evans, Marie Pace, Sara Wadsworth, Laura Lynch, Sue Batton and Jeraldine Beck; Mesdames Thomas Guthrie, Jr., Alvin Sandefur, T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Bessie Fairley, M. W. Phillips, Milton C. Baldridge, Carl Gallaher, and G. W. Dameron.

A motion was made by Miss Sara Wadsworth to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Tyler welcomed everyone present and expressed her appreciation for the good attendance.

The Twenty-Second Annual Report was checked and needed changes were made.

There was a discussion related to the election of officers on the local level. Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr. made a motion that it be recommended to local units to elect officers in February thereby providing a list of officers for the Annual Report on time and giving the new officers for the year the opportunity to attend the annual spring meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The committee on by-laws and standing rules was clarified and action was taken regarding members of the committee. The following were appointed to serve on this committee: Miss Elizabeth Langford, chairman, Misses Dorothy Dunbar, Arline Tyler, Maree White; Mesdames Thomas Guthrie, Glenn Laskey and G. W. Dameron.

Miss Tyler requested that each district and all local units be urged to make a study of the by-laws and standing rules and to become familiar with them in order to be able to make recommendations for keeping them in line.

After a lengthy discussion of finances, Mrs. Milton Baldridge made a motion that the Conference Secretary be given the privilege of appointing a budget committee. The motion was seconded and carried. Miss Tyler appointed the following to serve on the budget committee: Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Mrs. G. W. Dameron and Miss Arline Tyler.

Clarification of designation of all offerings taken was made according to the standing rules. Mrs. Gallaher made a motion that the action in reference to the offering taken at Guild Weekend be rescinded. The motion was seconded. Motion not carried.

Miss Marie Pace made a motion that September be named as the time for the mid-year Conference Guild Committee meeting in connection with the Coaching Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

The program for the annual Spring meeting in March, 1963 was discussed. Mrs. Dameron made a motion that the Conference Guild Committee meeting start with breakfast Saturday morning, March 16th. The motion was seconded. Motion was not carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.
Recording Secretary

COACHING CONFERENCE

Camp Brewer — September 15-16, 1962

The Coaching Conference of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Serv-Guild met at Camp Brewer, Saturday, September 15, 1962. The meeting was called to order at 3.45 P.M. by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, and opened with prayer.

The Roll was called by districts and every district was represented with a total of 41 present.

Miss Tyler welcomed those present and explained the program outline for the Coaching Conference, the objective being to fulfill the needs and send a group back with Guild work so instilled that it will become more meaningful. Also what we want the program of the Guild to accomplish and how it applies to the district and local units.

A panel made up of the Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Lines of Work and President of the Woman's Society presented the "General Program, and the Relationship with Woman's Society" for discussion. It was suggested that some plan for the training of officers in the spring be set up. Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr. presented a flip chart outlining "Ways of Presenting the Program."

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, gave a resume of finances and explained the treasurer's report.

Supply Work was presented in a drama stressing "Second-Mile Giving." Miss Sue Batton was chairman and Ruston District assisted, with the help of Mrs. T. D. Guthrie Sr., Conference Chairman of Supply Work.

Members of Lafayette District presented a flip chart showing the various ways of increasing membership and promoting Guild work; this was followed by a short talk given by Mrs. Bessie Fairley, district secretary, describing the procedures for organizing a new Guild.

A panel discussion pointing out the importance and value of literature was directed by Miss Laura Lynch, district secretary of Lake Charles District. Ways of promoting and using literature in tying together all phases of the work were given.

Because of illness of her sister Frances, Miss Elizabeth Langford, editor of **Guild Times**, was not present. A letter from Miss Langford, greeting all present and expressing her regret, was read. The letter stated that only 63 Guilds have sent in subscriptions and that 248 of last year's subscribers have not renewed their subscriptions. Miss Langford stressed in her letter that **Guild Times** be used as publicity for the Guild.

"Enjoying Fellowship" was the title of the panel discussion by the Shreveport District with Miss Jerry Beck as moderator. Among the many ways suggested for enjoying fellowship were: eating, contests, hobbies, costuming and fellowship calendars.

Missionary Education was uniquely presented in the form of a panel of "internes" of the "Missionary Education Clinic" discussing, with a flip chart as a guide, the "Necessary Tools for Operation in the Field of Missionary Education." Mrs. M. W. Phillips, district secretary, and members of Monroe District, provided the panel for this phase of the program.

The closing meditation for the Saturday evening session was "A Hitching Post or a Guide Post," given by Miss Mildred Evans.

Sunday Morning Session

Miss Mildred Evans gave the meditation "As His Custom Was" for the morning session. This was followed by a solo provided by Miss Jerry Beck who was accompanied at the piano by Miss Marilyn Hudson.

The General Assembly was called to order at 7:45 A.M. and opened with prayer by Miss Arline Tyler.

In the Christian Social Relations discussion group directed by Miss Marie Pace, district secretary, and Alexandria district members, it was brought to attention how Christian Social Relations is concerned with everything that affects all ages.

Spiritual Life, the phase that forms the foundation was discussed by Mrs. Milton Baldridge, district secretary, and other New Orleans district members in a panel with the use of a flip chart pointing out "The Value and Function of Group Prayer." The story of how the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" began was told.

Miss Sara Wadsworth, district secretary, and Baton Rouge District members used a flip chart to show "Local Church Activities" and integration into the program of the church. Building unity in the church more closely and making it count was stressed.

Group meetings for recording secretaries and the lines of work were held. The program committee met at this time.

Each district met as a group for a time of reviewing, instructions, and planning.

After the group meetings and District meetings the general assembly was called to order and reports were heard. A question and answer discussion followed.

Evaluation of the Coaching Conference was conducted by Miss Arline Tyler. It was unanimously agreed that all district officers should be in attendance at the Conference Coaching Conference. From this Coaching Conference it was learned that all felt that Conference officers should conduct the training groups and that the lines of work should be presented in individual groups with a general assembly afterward to hear reports from each group.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron conducted the Depth Bible Study.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 16, 1963

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 16, 1963, in the Cameo Room of the Virginia Hotel, Monroe, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, and opened with a short meditation by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life.

In response to roll call, the following were present: Misses Arline Tyler, Mildred Evans, Sara Wadsworth, Laura Lynch, Sue Batton, Jeraldine Beck; Mesdames Thomas Guthrie Jr., Alvin Sandefur, T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Bessie Fairley, M. W. Phillips, Milton Baldridge, G. W. Dameron, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Carl Gallaher, and G. H. Thomas. A motion was made to send cards to those members who were not present. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to send a telegram to Mrs. Lee Tidwell who had to be hospitalized during the Conference. Motion seconded and carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr. A correction changing the name of the finance committee to budget committee was made. There being no other changes or corrections, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

Mrs. George Thomas, newest member of the Guild Committee, was welcomed and Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild, was introduced by Miss Tyler.

The Recording Secretary read a note from Miss Arline Tyler expressing her thanks for the sympathy received in her bereavement.

The program for the Spring Meeting was reviewed and needed changes made.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher presented the following pledge of $17,930.00 and gave a brief explanation of the over-all pledge and the increase:

Alexandria	$ 1,952.00
Baton Rouge	2,723.00
Lafayette	1,079.00
Lake Charles	2,158.00
Monroe	2,363.00
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Miss Arline Tyler presented the Conference budget as follows:

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Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	190.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	170.00
Guild Times	100.00
Committees	70.00
Miscellaneous	120.00
Total Budget	$ 1,800.00

Mrs. Gallaher moved the budget and the pledge to Missions be adopted as presented. Motion duly carried.

Mrs. Dameron reported that the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild have been asked to make a supplementary gift of $3,300.00 for town and country work to supplement the salary of Martha Overbey. She urged that all District Secretaries promote the giving of honorary, memorial and other gifts to missions, thereby meeting this need.

The attached Recommendations were read and discussed. Mrs. Dameron reported a United Nations Seminar in Shreveport, April 26-27. After a brief word from Mrs. Sandefur concerning Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Dabney elaborated on the Charter of Racial Policies. Concerning recommendation number 6, Miss Tyler mentioned that every study needs to be identified with the number attending and the number of studies. A motion was made that these recommendations be adopted and presented to the body during the first general session. The motion was seconded and carried.

After a discussion of "love gifts" a motion was made to give a cash "love gift" to Miss Caroline Porter and a personal "love gift" to Rev. Lea Joyner and Mrs. Dabney. It was pointed out that gifts of cash are given only to retired missionaries. Motion duly carried.

Miss Tyler appointed the following committees: Resolutions Committee: Miss Hazel Cooper, chairman, Miss Jenibe Westbrook, and Mrs. Beverly Biehler; Journal Committee: Mrs. Bessie Bairley, chairman, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie Jr.; Distributing and Counting Tellers: Mrs. Ruth Cowell, chairman, Mrs. Oneida Duncan, Mrs. Dorothy Dunbar, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Miss Elizabeth Kessinger, Mrs. Blanche Wade, Miss Merry Dean Patterson, and Mrs. Lucille Buck.

Mrs. George Thomas, Conference Recording Secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, talked to the group about the Annual Report. She requested the cooperation of the Wesleyan Service Guild in getting all information for the Annual Report to Miss Tyler by May 1 so that she would be able to get the information in to Mrs. Thomas by June 1. A suggestion was made that the committees of the Wesleyan Service Guild be listed in the Annual Report.

The chairman of the program committee for the year 1963-64, Miss Mildred Evans, announced a program planning meeting in Alexandria at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 30, 1963.

Mrs. Dameron announced that the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for 1964 would be March 11, 12, 13 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Miss Tyler related regrets from Miss Elizabeth Langford, who could not be present, and asked that all who would send items for the **Guild Times** do so promptly upon arrival home from this Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Patterson, who was able to join the meeting, was introduced upon her arrival.

Miss Tyler announced the following dates for meetings: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 21-23; Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 24-29; Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 12-14; and Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 5-9. She also announced that Miss Jennie Mo Horton would be itinerating, and urged that she be called on for District Spring Meetings.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Dameron, after which the group adjourned for lunch.

Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.
Recording Secretary

Twelfth Annual Meeting

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 16 - 17, 1963

PROGRAM

THEME: "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles"

Saturday, March 16

10:00 Registration ..... Lobby, Virginia Hotel
10:00 Executive Committee Meeting ..... Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel
12:00 Executive Committee Luncheon ..... Cameo Room, Virginia Hotel
1:00 Registration Continued ..... Foyer, Educational Building, First Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

. . . . . and he said unto him, Follow me.

1:45 Organ Prelude ..... Mrs. Harvey Nelson
Theme Hymn—"The Voice of God is Calling" ..... No. 454
Convening of the Twelfth Annual Meeting ..... Miss Arline Tyler
Conference Secretary, Presiding
Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. Charles Salmons
Opening Worship ..... Miss Mildred Evans
Welcome ..... Rev. G. W. Harbuck and Mrs. M. W. Phillips
Order of Business:
Presentation of the Program ..... Mrs. Austin Miller
Report of Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr.
Appointment of Committees
Introductions
Announcements
Hymn ..... "Guild Hymn"
Report of the Conference Secretary ..... Miss Arline Tyler
Reports of Conference Chairmen:
Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Alvin Sandefur
Missionary Education and Service ..... Mrs. Austin Miller
Spiritual Life ..... Miss Mildred Evans
Supply Work ..... Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr.
Guild Times ..... Miss Elizabeth Langford
Hymn—"We Give Thee But Thine Own" ..... No. 456

Everyman according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give

Pledge Service—"Let There Be Light" ..... Mrs. Carl Gallaher
4:15 Fellowship Tea ..... Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church
Memorial, Mer Rouge, and Winnsboro Guilds

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.

6:00 Dinner: Featuring Supply Work — Crystal Ballroom, Virginia Hotel
Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Presiding
Invocation — Reverend Edward R. Haug
Introductions — Mrs. M. W. Phillips and Miss Arline Tyler
Address — Reverend William Stokes
Special Music — Members of Wesley Foundation Student Center
Louisiana Polytechnic Institute
John Wesley's Benediction — Unison

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church
Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

As ye go, preach, saying: The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8:00 Organ Prelude — Mrs. Harvey Nelson
Hymn—"Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" — No. 288
Prayer — Reverend Earl B. Emmerich
Solo—"O Divine Redeemer" — Gounod
Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple
Address — Mrs. Hazel Dabney
"Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles"

The cup of blessing which we bless

Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts — Rev. G. W. Harbuck
Rev. B. R. Oliphint, Rev. Loyd Williams,
Rev. James Evans, Rev. Lamont Rouse
Benediction — Rev. G. W. Harbuck

Sunday, March 17

Crystal Ballroom
Virginia Hotel

And ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

7:00 Quiet Breakfast — Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
Invocation — Mrs. Janice Richardson
Solo—"How Great Thou Art" — Stuart Hine
Mrs. DeWana Pitts
Accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Stratford
Meditation — Rev. Lea Joyner
Closing Prayer — Mrs. Betty Denham

8:30 Order of Business — Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding
Election of Delegates
Report of Committees

And lo I am with ye always, even to the end of the world.

9:00 Missionary Hour — Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding
Hymn—"Heralds of Christ" — No. 482
Address—"Guilders Who Answered The Call"—Miss Caroline Porter
Closing Prayer — Mrs. Willis Ward

10:00 Adjournment — Miss Arline Tyler

10:50 Worship Service — First Methodist Church

12:15 Buffet Luncheon — Fellowship Hall, First Methodist Church
Southside, Lake Providence, Bastrop and Gordon Avenue Guilds

TWELFTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 16 - 17, 1963

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 16, 1963, at 1:45 P.M., with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, the theme hymn, "The Voice of God is Calling" was sung. The program theme used throughout the meeting was "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles."

The opening scripture and prayer were given by Mrs. Charles Salmons followed with the opening worship by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life.

Welcome addresses were given by the Rev. G. W. Harbuck, host pastor, and Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Monroe District Secretary.

Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman of the program committee, presented the program and announced some changes.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr., presented the recommendations from the Conference Guild Committee as follows:

Recommendation No. 1: That the following pledge be made to Missions at the pledge service:

Alexandria	$ 1,952.00
Baton Rouge	2,723.00
Lafayette	1,079.00
Lake Charles	2,158.00
Monroe	2,363.00
New Orleans	2,312.00
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Recommendation No. 2: That the following budget be adopted for the coming year:

Officers' Expenses	$ 350.00
Annual Spring Meeting	400.00
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Recommendation No. 3: That the recommendations, a copy of which is enclosed in each packet, be adopted.

Recommendation No. 4: That the love offering taken at the evening session of this Annual Meeting be given to Missions.

The Secretary moved the adoption of all four recommendations as read. Motion duly seconded and carried.

The Secretary then read the following committee appointments:

Resolutions Committee: Miss Hazel Cooper, chairman, Miss Jenibe Westbrook, and Mrs. Beverly Biehler.

Journal Committee: Mrs. Bessie Fairley, chairman, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, and Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.

Distributing and Counting Tellers: Mrs. E. T. Cowell, chairman, Mrs. Oneida Duncan, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Mrs. Rosa McCullough, Miss Elizabeth Kessinger, Mrs. Blanche Wade, Miss Merry Dean Patterson and Mrs. Lucille Buck.

Miss Tyler introduced the following officers of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Scoiety of Christian Service: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President; Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. George H. Thomas, Recording Secretary; and the South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Hazel Dabney.

Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Monroe District Secretary was introduced by Miss Tyler and she in turn presented the General Chairman, Mrs. Gloria Bennett and Co-Chairman, Mrs. A. B. Potter for this Annual Meeting. Mrs Phillips made some announcements and expressed her appreciation for the excellent work done by all involved in the preparations for this Annual Meeting. At the conclusion of these introductions the congregation joined in the singing of the "Guild Hymn."

Miss Tyler gave the Conference Secretary's report. She stated there were 1,964 members at the last report with 110 organized Guild Units. She also reported on the progress made in other areas of the Guild program and of her work.

Reports of Conference Chairmen were given as charms on a giant charm bracelet as follows: Mrs. Austin Miller, Missionary Education; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Supply; Mrs. Bill Kulcke, **Guild Times** for the Editor, Miss Elizabeth Langford; Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Christian Social Relations; and Miss Mildred Evans, Spiritual Life.

Recognition was given to the Workers in Louisiana: Mrs. Helen Harris, Deaconess at MacDonell Center; Miss Hazel Cooper, Director Business Girls' Inn; and Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker.

Mrs. Dameron was recognized as Louisiana Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She gave a brief overall look at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which had just preceded the Guild Annual Meeting.

A hymn, "We Give Thee But Thine Own," was sung.

The pledge to Missions was made at a beautifully arranged service, at which time Miss Gail Smith sang a solo. Miss Arline Tyler and Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer, participated with the eight District Secretaries as they pledged the sum of $17,930.00 from the Louisiana Conference.

Prayer concluded the afternoon session, after which the group was entertained with a Fellowship Tea in the Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for this lovely tea were Memorial, Mer Rouge, and Winnsboro Guilds.

A fellowship dinner featuring Supply Work was served at 6:00 P.M. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Virginia Hotel with Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Conference Chairman of Supply Work, presiding. The Rev. G. W. Harbuck, pastor First Methodist Church, Monroe, gave the invocation. Introductions were made by Miss Tyler, after which Mrs. Phillips introduced the Monroe District Ministers and their wives who were guests for the evening.

The address was given by the Rev. William Stokes, Director, Wesley Foundation Student Center, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. Rev. Stokes introduced Wesley Foundation Students who presented special music.

John Wesley's Benediction was given in unison as the closing prayer.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session convened at 8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church with Mrs. Austin Miller presiding (in the absence of Miss Tyler, who was ill). A hymn, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," was sung. The Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, Minister, First Methodist Church, West Monroe, led the prayer. A solo, "O Divine Redeemer," was sung by Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild. Her address was entitled, "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles."

The Communion Service and the Dedication of Gifts concluded the evening session. The love offering, to be given to Missions, totaled $185.59. The Rev. G. W. Harbuck pronounced the benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING

A quiet breafast was held Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Virginia Hotel with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, presiding. The invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Janice Richardson, Alexandria District Chairman of Spiritual Life. Mrs. De Wana Pitts, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Stratford, sang "How Great Thou Art."

The challenging morning meditation "Who Will Fill The Gap?" was given by the Rev. Lea Joyner, Minister, Southside Methodist Church, Monroe. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Betty Denham, Baton Rouge District Chairman of Spiritual Life. The group was dismissed until 8:30 A.M.

The business session was called to order by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary.

A count of the voting delegates was made, there being 65 voting delegates present.

Miss Tyler called for the nomination of two delegates and one alternate delegate to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, June 21-23, 1963. Nominated were: DeEllo Simon, Janice Richardson, Bessie Fairley, Emma Mainous, and Jerry Beck. Miss Tyler announced that alternates for Conference Secretary and Chairmen would be elected. A ballot for this purpose was explained. The ballots were presented by the tellers to the 65 voting delegates. The tellers then collected the ballots and retired to count them.

Mrs. Dabney, Jurisdiction Secretary, gave a report from the South Central Jurisdiction.

Miss Tyler announced the following dates: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 21-23; Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 24-29; Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 12-14; and Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 5-9; and it was brought to the attention of the group that Miss Jennie Mo Horton would be available for meetings for about two weeks in April.

Mrs. E. T. Cowell, chairman of the distributing and counting tellers, presented her report to Miss Tyler, who then announced the results of the election as follows:

Delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Jerry Beck and Bessie Fairley; alternate delegate, Emma Mainous; alternate for Conference Secretary, Bessie Fairley. Alternates for Conference Chairmen: Spiritual Life, Mildred Kee and Janice Richardson; Christian Social Relations, Minza Rabun; Missionary Education, Emma Patillo; Supply, Hazel Cooper.

Mrs. Bessie Fairley reported for the Journal Committee. She stated that the minutes had been reviewed and were found to be correct and complete.

Mrs. Sara Kennon, Chairman of Registration, submitted the following report on registration: Alexandria, 11; Baton Rouge, 22; Lafayette, 10; Lake Charles, 10; Monroe, 84; New Orleans, 21; Ruston, 8; Shreveport, 29; Others, 10; TOTAL, 205.

A total of $100.00 was reported from the sale of Corsages for Missions.

Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District Secretary, extended an invitation to the Guild to hold its 1964 Spring Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana. The president of the Guild at First Methodist Church, Lafayette also extended her invitation to the Guild to hold the meeting in First Methodist Church, Lafayette.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Miss Hazel Cooper, presented the following resolution which was adopted.

We, the delegates and members of Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild in session for the 12th Annual Meeting at First Methodist Church, Monroe wish to express our sincere appreciation for the inspiration, information and Christian fellowship that have been ours.

We wish to thank First Methodist Church, Monroe, the pastor, the Rev. George W. Harbuck and Mrs. Harbuck, and the entire church staff for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Guild.

We express our thanks to Mrs. Gloria Bennett of First Church who acted as General Chairman; and to the local Arrangements Committees on Publicity and Promotion, Registration, Packets, Hospitality, Pages, Ushers, Flowers, the Executive Luncheon, Fellowship Tea, the Banquet, Quiet Breakfast, Sunday Buffet, Corsages for Missions, the Worship Settings and Literature Displays for their preparation and entertainment.

To the musicians, Mrs. Harvey Nelson, Miss Gail Smith, Mrs. Irvie Lee Temple, Mrs. De Wana Pitts, Mrs. Ruth Stratford, the Wesley Foundation Students, we thank you for the ministry of music and the inspiration it gave us.

We wish to express our thanks to the ministers of Monroe who assisted Rev. Harbuck in administering the sacrament of Communion.

To the Program Chairman, Mrs. Austin Miller, and her Committee, we express our thanks for the fine and inspirational way in which they developed the theme, "Called To Be Disciples, Sent To Be Apostles."

Our special thanks to Mrs. Carl Gallaher, for the beautiful and meaningful pledge service.

To our Jurisdiction Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, whose message on the Conference theme was thought-provoking and challenging we say, "thank you."

Thanks are expressed to Rev. William Stokes for the informative, original and interesting way in which he presented Wesley Foundation at the dinner meeting.

The Rev. Lea Joyner, in her Quiet Hour Meditation challenging Guilders to "fill the gap," was inspirational and deeply appreciated.

The closing address during the Missionary Hour by Miss Caroline Porter, "Guilders Who Answered the Call" was a fitting close to an inspirational week-end. We thank Miss Porter for her message and her presence with us.

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who are serving on the Guild Committee, have made a fine contribution and we deeply appreciate their presence and their interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel F. Cooper, Chairman
Beverly Biehler
Jenibe Westbrook

The Missionary Hour was called to order by Mrs. Austin Miller, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education. A hymn, "Heralds of Christ" was sung. Mrs. Miller presented the speaker of the hour, Miss Caroline Porter, Retired Deaconess, Tujunga, California, who spoke on "Guilders Who Answered The Call." The Missionary Hour was closed with prayer by Mrs. Willis Ward, Monroe District Chairman of Missionary Education and Service.

The Twelfth Annual Spring Meeting was adjourned by Miss Arline Tyler. Following the Sunday morning worship service at the First Methodist Church, the Guild members were served a buffet luncheon by the Southside, Lake Providence, Bastrop, and Gordon Avenue Guilds.

Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, Jr.
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD REPORT
1962 - 1963
Arline Tyler, Secretary

The 1964 members in the 110 Guilds of the Louisiana Conference have answered the "Call to Discipleship" as evidenced in the full quota attendance at Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the five members who remained for the School of Missions on Mt. Sequoyah. There were 176 in attendance at our conference weekend; 33 at School of Missions; 41 conference and district officers at the coaching conference in September; and 338 local officers participating in the district Coaching Conferences during October.

From these experiences of preparation, Guild members have gone forth as Apostles—carrying the message through their services, their prayers, and their gifts. We find our **Guild Times** Editor, with the assistance of another Guilder, serving the jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild and Woman's Society of Christian Service in a similar capacity. Our Conference Chairman of Missionary Education contributed the script and with the assistance of the Louisiana Guilders presented one of the approved studies for the Guild Weekend. All conference chairmen of lines of work have reached out to district and local chairmen in promoting the work by personal visits, assistance in coaching conferences, and by correspondence. The district secretaries are personalizing their service by scheduled visits to local Guilds and are giving careful thought to planning through regular meetings of the district committee. Our **Guild Times** continues to be a vital agency in promoting and coordinating our work. Our past conference secretary is assisting in some of the research projects of the Woman's Division. Three former members of the Guild are serving in projects of the Woman's Division. The conference secretary is representing the Guild in whatever capacity she can and attending as many of the committees as possible.

During the period of June - November, 1962, 727 Guild members participated in 48 approved study classes of which 25 received Jurisdiction Recognition. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is being observed with increasing significance and responsiveness. Retreats, Prayer Groups, the **Prayer Calendar,** and well planned worship services are bringing spiritual enrichment to Guild members.

Guild Month observance is focusing attention and meaning on the function and purpose of the Guild, as well as strengthening the cooperation between the Guild and the Woman's Society.

No statistical report can present a complete picture of the discipleship and service of the Guild. If we could follow the Guilders into the offices, business places, factories, hospitals, classrooms, and the varied fields which they serve—then we might have some conception of what the Wesleyan Service Guild really means.

From these experiences has come the confidence that we will meet our pledge of $17,450.00 and the $2,080.55 Supply Work Askings.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is humbly aware of its successes in many areas, but it is also alert to the potentials and needs as yet untouched. It is our prayer that we accept the challenge and move forward and upward in membership, in service, and in our support of the missionary enterprise. Won't you join us in this prayer?

Recommendations

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That there be a continuing awareness of the purpose of the Guild so that it examines everything it does in reference to its functions.
2. That we continue our emphasis on leadership training, membership cultivation, and organization of new Guilds. To this end, each district will organize and function in the way best suited to meet its needs.

3. That cooperation between members of the Guilds and Woman's Societies be encouraged and strengthened.
4. That we may have an increased understanding of the problems and a keener awareness of the opportunities facing us in our world today, let us study and participate in the proposed Christian Social Relations Program.
5. That we may find spiritual renewal and fulfillment let the membership of the Guild make use of the Spiritual Life Packet, the Prayer Calendar, and other resources; observe the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and other special days; promote and participate in Retreats and Days Apart on local, district, and conference levels; and be active in the worship, prayer groups, evangelism and stewardship program of the local church.
6. That all members be involved in the Missionary enterprise by increasing opportunities for study, improving methods of study, and through more vital outgrowth of study.
7. That we continue our support of the projects of the Woman's Division by increased pledges, and through giving special memberships, In Remembrance Gifts, and the use of Our World Banks; that Supply Askings be met in full, and that each project come alive in our personal interest and prayers.
8. That every unit work toward regular attendance and active participation of its membership in Guild activities beyond the local unit.

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — Name

Within the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

Representatives from the Wesleyan Service Guilds in the districts, the number to be determined by the conferenee Guild according to its requirements, such district officers of the Guild as the conference Guild may determine, members of the conference Guild committee and members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division residing in the conference shall be members of the Conference Guild.

ARTICLE IV — Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a recording secretary.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of

Christian Service of the conference and to the jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference society.

(b) The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V — Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the lines of work, and the district secretaries of the Guild; the president, the treasurer, and the secretary of promotion of the conference Woman's Society and two other representatives of the Woman's Society to be elected by the conference Guild. Such additional members as the work demands may be co-opted.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Literature shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of three to seven members, whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, chairmen of lines of work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 4. There shall be a committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules appointed by the conference secretary. The conference secretary and recording secretary shall be members of this committee.

ARTICLE VI — Elections

SECTION 1. The officers of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the conference Guild in regular meeting. The term of office and the time of assuming office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring **ad interim** shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the conference secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. (a) All elections shall be by ballot; except when there is only one candidate for office the election may be by **viva voce.**

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year of the quadrennium the conference secretary, recording secretary, the Chairman of Spiritual Life, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations, the Nominating Committee, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply, the Chairman of Literature, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual spring meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this spring meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference may be made at any annual meeting of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the conference Guild thirty days before the annual meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. Voting Membership: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall have the following voting membership: one delegate from each local Guild for the first 20 members, plus one delegate for each additional 20 members or major fraction thereof. In addition, each member of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee shall have one vote if present at the meeting; also, such members as are determined by Article III of the Bylaws of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild may vote if present.

RULE 2. Conference Guild Committee: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee shall be composed of members as determined by Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws. In addition to these the editor of **Guild Times** shall be a co-opted member.

RULE 3. Conference Guild Committee Meetings: a. There shall be at least two meetings of the conference Guild committee each year.

b. There shall be a coaching conference for the training of members of the conference Guild committee.

RULE 4. **Guild Times**: a. The **Guild Times** shall be the official organ of the Wesleyan Service Guild for promotion of conference work.

b. The editor shall be appointed by the Conference Secretary and approved by the conference Guild committee at the annual Spring Meeting.

RULE 5. Reports: Out-going officers and chairmen of lines of work shall make all necessary reports for the current year.

RULE 6. Term of Office: When three or more years of an unexpired term is filled in a conference office it shall constitute a full term.

RULE 7. Special Meetings: If it becomes necessary to transact business at any time other than specified in Article VI of the Bylaws, notice of the holding of such meeting, with the date, place, and nature of the business to be transacted, must be given to all members of the conference Guild committee at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

RULE 8. Program Committee: a. The program committee for Guild Weekend and the Spring Meeting shall be composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is to be held.

b. The committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Guild Weekend.

RULE 9. Nominating Committee: a. The committee on nominations shall present a slate of eight candidates, one from each district, from which the conference Guild shall elect five members to compose the new committee on nominations.

b. The committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Spring Meeting.

c. Nominations to fill unexpired terms shall be presented to the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 10. Committee on Journal: A committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the conference sessions. All minutes of the conference shall be transcribed in a reasonable time, and shall be signed by the Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary, and copies mailed immediately to Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee members.

RULE 11. Finances: a. Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the conference cultivation fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

b. Expenses of members of the Conference Guild Committee to the Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation funds, since this meeting is designated as a business meeting.

c. Expenses of the Conference Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chairmen of Lines of Work, and such other persons co-opted to the Coaching Conference, shall be paid from Conference Cultivation funds.

d. Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Coaching Conference shall be paid from District Cultivation fund.

e. Expenses of the Conference Secretary and the Chairmen of the three lines of work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and Jurisdiction School of Missions shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. Travel shall be in one car from central location and expenses to and from this location shall be paid by the Conference. If the Secretary or a Chairman elect to travel by other transportation she shall do so at her own expense.

f. Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

g. Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the conference shall be allowed at five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her pro-rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

h. All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

i. All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting shall be returned to Conference Cultivation fund.

j. The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

RULE 12. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30c per member.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference Societies will be found in the new **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.**

ARTICLE I

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work, Section 1 to 15 inclusive.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. The **Executive Committee** of the conference society shall be composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretaries of children's work, Christian social relations, literature, missionary education, missionary personnel, missionary service, promotion, spiritual life ,student work, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and youth work; the chairman of the Conference News Sheet, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the resident Bishop, all members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference, chairmen of committees, the president of each district Woman's Society and such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine; and the following Ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, and the district secretaries of promotion, the conference director of youth work and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Woman's Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society.

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary of a line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries of lines of work, who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of promotion, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program,** composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** which shall include the members of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division living within the conference, the district secretaries of Christian social relations, one or more representatives of the Wesleyan Service Guild, nominated by the committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the conference, and special resource people co-opted as needed. This committee shall make recommendations to the conference society concerning the work of Christian social relations in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Woman's Division and jurisdiction society.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education, missionary service, promotion, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations,** composed of one representative from each district, nominated by the executive committee of the district Woman's Society of Christian Service, and one additional person, who will serve as chairman, all nominated by the conference executive committee and elected in the annual meeting of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. It shall be the duty of this committee to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees, except for the committees who elect their chairmen, and members of the committee on nominations and nominate them, the term of service of these committee members to be determined by the excutive committee.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service** with a chairman and secretary elected annually by the committee. This committee shall be composed of the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretaries of Christian social relations, literature, missionary education, missionary service, promotion, spiritual life, Wesleyan Service Guild, the dean, the assistant dean and such other membres as may be authorized by the executive committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life** whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Study and Action** composed of the secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education, missionary service, spiritual life and a representative of the Wesleyan Service Guild. This committee may co-opt such other members as may be needed. The chairman of this committee shall be elected annually by the committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year which shall include seminars, workshops, retreats, and any other educational activities and shall make recommendations concerning the same to the conference society.

Section 9. There shall be a **Committee on Missionary Personnel** composed of the conference secretaries of missionary personnel, promotion, Wesleyan Service Guild, student work, youth work, the district secretaries of missionary personnel, the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, and the committee on missionary personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on missionary personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of missionary personnel of the jurisdiction.

Section 10. There shall be a **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee.

Section 11. (a) An **Advisory Committee** shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more **Rural Work Projects.** It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the executive secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which Church and Community Workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the Committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The rural deaconess shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work, who shall direct her Work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a rural worker, a **District Advisory Sub-Committee,** composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, and any additional members which the Conference Advisody Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing each worker of the district.

Section 12. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Report** composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 13. There shall be a **Committee on Place of Meeting** composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary of a line of work. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between the northern and southern parts of the state.

Section 14. There shall be a **Committee on Cooperative Youth Work** composed of the conference secretary of youth work, who shall be the chairman, the conference director of youth work, and the secretaries of student work and missionary personnel. The committee may co-opt additional members as the need arises.

It shall be the duty of the committee to study the needs of youth, especially in the areas of Missionary Education and Christian Vocations, and to develop a correlated program of study and action to meet these needs. The committe shall consider the total programs of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Organization and make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning opportunities and plans for cooperation with these organizations. It shall recommend to the districts plans for a unified approach to the total program of work with youth and their adult leaders.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries of lines of work.

The officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary of a line of work shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of children's work, a secretary of missionary personnel, a secretary of missionary service, a secretary of student work, and a secretary of youth work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Christian social relations, a secretary of literature, a secretary of missionary education, a secretary of promotion, a secretary of spiritual life, and a secretary of supply work.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nominee, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. Conference officers, secretaries of lines of work and the committee on nominations shall take office June 1. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six women from the conference, three of whom shall be conference officers or secretaries of lines of work, for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom shall serve for four years.

(a) The three officers shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of promotion. The other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the offices elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Section 6. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceeding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary of line of work, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative, and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V — Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Divsion of Christian Service.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the Conference treasurer who shall transmit them to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels.

Section 4. Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society.

Section 5. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, expenses of conference delegates to the Assembly, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 6. One-half of one per cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 7. The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the conference treasurer who in turn will channel it to the treasurer of the Woman's Division to be applied to the objects designated each year by the Woman's Division.

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Secretary of Promotion.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.**

ARTICLE I

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work Section 1 to 15 inclusive.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. The **Executive Committee** of the district society shall be composed of officers, secretaries of lines of work and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer, or secretary of line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries of lines of work who shall meet upon call of the president, to transact only necessary business between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program** composed of the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education and service, promotion, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** elected at the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees and members of the Committee on Nominations, and nominate them.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries of lines of work. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

District officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of children's work, missionary personnel, student work, and youth work. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Christian social relations, literature, missionary education and service, promotion, spiritual life, and supply work.

Section 2. The term of all officers, secretaries of lines of work and the committee on nominations shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At an annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer or secretary of line of work. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by her respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-elction for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district trasurer.

ARTICLE V — Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by

the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount equal to fifteen cents (15c) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer.

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The conference membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries of lines of work, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their societies.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president ,the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The Program Committee shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for selecting speakers for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance

shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

9. The conference president may attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service either her first or second year of office at conference expense.

10. Each officer shall render to the conference treasurer quarterly itemized statements covering office expense. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

11. Conference officers are expected to provide postage for all communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society.

12. It is against the policy of the Woman's Division of Christian Service: (a) to endorse and promote through its channels plans from business concerns to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products; (b) to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the Church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to this fund shall be decided by the Administrative Committee.

17. An amount not to exceed $3000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, or to relatives living within the homes of executive committee members, a remembrance gift of $5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

19. When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of $25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough, an additional $25.00 is to be given them.

20. Conference officers in the pattern attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions are each allowed $10.00 subsidy from the Woman's Division and/or the Jurisdiction. District officers substituting for conference officers in the same line of work and meeting all requirements will be allowed the subsidy.

21. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates.

22. A subsidy of $9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the quadrennial pattern attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Missions.

23. A **Committee on Journal** shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

24. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

25. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

26. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

27. A retiring Conference officer or secretary of line of work who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a special membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The secretary of Promotion in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the secretary of Promotion of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25c per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

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Division:
- General Secretary of Woman's Division
- President of the Woman's Division
- Woman's Division Members in Louisiana
- Executive Secretaries of Department of Work in Home Fields
- Executive Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild

Jurisdiction:
- South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
- Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
- Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:
- Past president of Louisiana Conference
- Louisiana conference officers and those recently retired
- Chairmen of Committees not otherwise included in list
- Members of Conference nominating committee
- Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work

District:
- All district officers and secretaries of lines of work
- 5 copies to each district secretary of promotion
- Guild district secretaries and chairmen of lines of work

Local:
- Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
- Guild local presidents

Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers:
- Directors of Project under Woman's Division in Louisiana
- Missionaries from Louisiana in Foreign Field
- Deaconesses, Contract Workers and U.S. 2's from Louisiana Conference
- Retired missionaries and deaconesses from Louisiana

Miscellaneous:
- Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
- LOUISIANA METHODIST, editor
- Office of Methodist Information
- Editor of GUILD TIMES
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